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Donate Blood Save Life

Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on National Voluntary Blood Donation Day (English Translation)

Every year October 1st is observed as 'National Voluntary Blood Donation Day' so as to create awareness among the people about blood donation. Blood is a life support. Donating blood is a sacred act of saving a life.

I am happy that nearly one percent of the total population of the State, have voluntarily donated blood as per the guidelines of the World Health Organisation making Tamil Nadu the premier State in the Country in blood donation.

Presently, during blood donation camps, 3 mobile blood collection banks with ultra-modern and refrigeration facilities are pressed into service and the collected blood is sent to blood banks in the Government Medical College Hospitals. According to World Health Organisation, blood obtained from a donor at intervals of 3 months is totally safe. Hence, with a view to encourage the donors, the Tamil Nadu Government is honouring with a medallion and a certificate of appreciation to those male donors who have donated blood thrice in a year and women donors who have donated blood twice in a year.

It is to be appreciated that 99 percent of the blood units obtained in Tamil Nadu are from voluntary donors.

Moreover, the State Government has created 231 blood storage centres through the National Rural Health Management (NRHM) with a view to avert deaths due to loss of blood during the time of delivering babies in rural areas.

I appeal to people to take a pledge on the Blood Donation Day, i.e., October 1st to save lives through blood donation and turn up in large numbers so that the State achieves the target of 100 percent in voluntary donations.

"Let us Donate Blood
Save precious Life"

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Selvi J Jayalalithaa
- Hon'ble Chief Minister

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His Excellency the Governor **Dr. K. Rosaiah** and the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** paid floral tributes to the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi kept near his statue during Gandhi Jayanthi Celebrations in Chennai on 2.10.2012.

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The Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** viewed the model of the houses to be constructed under "Own Your House" scheme for the Police, Fire & Rescue Services and Prison Department personnel, at Secretariat, Chennai on 4.10.2012

Gandhi Jayanthi

The 144th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated by the Information and Public Relations Department on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu on 2.10.2012 with eclat.

Floral Tribute to Mahatma: His Excellency the Governor Dr. K. Rosaiah and Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa paid floral tributes to the portrait of the Mahatma placed near his statue at the Kamarajar Salai on the Marina around 10 a.m. on 2.10.2012.

Hon'ble Ministers, and other eminent personalities also paid floral tributes to the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi.

Witnessing the spinning of yarn: Later, His Excellency the Governor and the Hon'ble Chief Minister witnessed spinning of yarn with charkha and songs on Mahatma Gandhi organized by Sarvodaya.

Cycle rally :

This was followed by a cycle rally at about 10.15 a.m. to highlight the principles of eradication of untouchability, national integration, world peace and religious harmony. School and college students, Brahmakumaris and other organisations participated. More than 300 persons participated in the rally which was flagged off by the Hon'ble Minister for Information and Special Programmes Implementation Thiru. K.T. Rajenthrabhalaji.

Exhibition at Gandhi Mandapam: An exhibition was organised at the Gandhi Mandapam in Guindy depicting the high lights in the life of the Mahatma. Government Departments such as Information and Public Relations, Social Welfare, Integrated Child Development Programme and several organisations including the Brahmakumaris participated in the exhibition with their exhibits. Around 11.30 a.m. Hon'ble Minister for Information and Special Programmes Implementation Thiru. K.T. Rajenthrabhalaji declared open the exhibition in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister for Tourism Tmt. S. Gokula Indira.

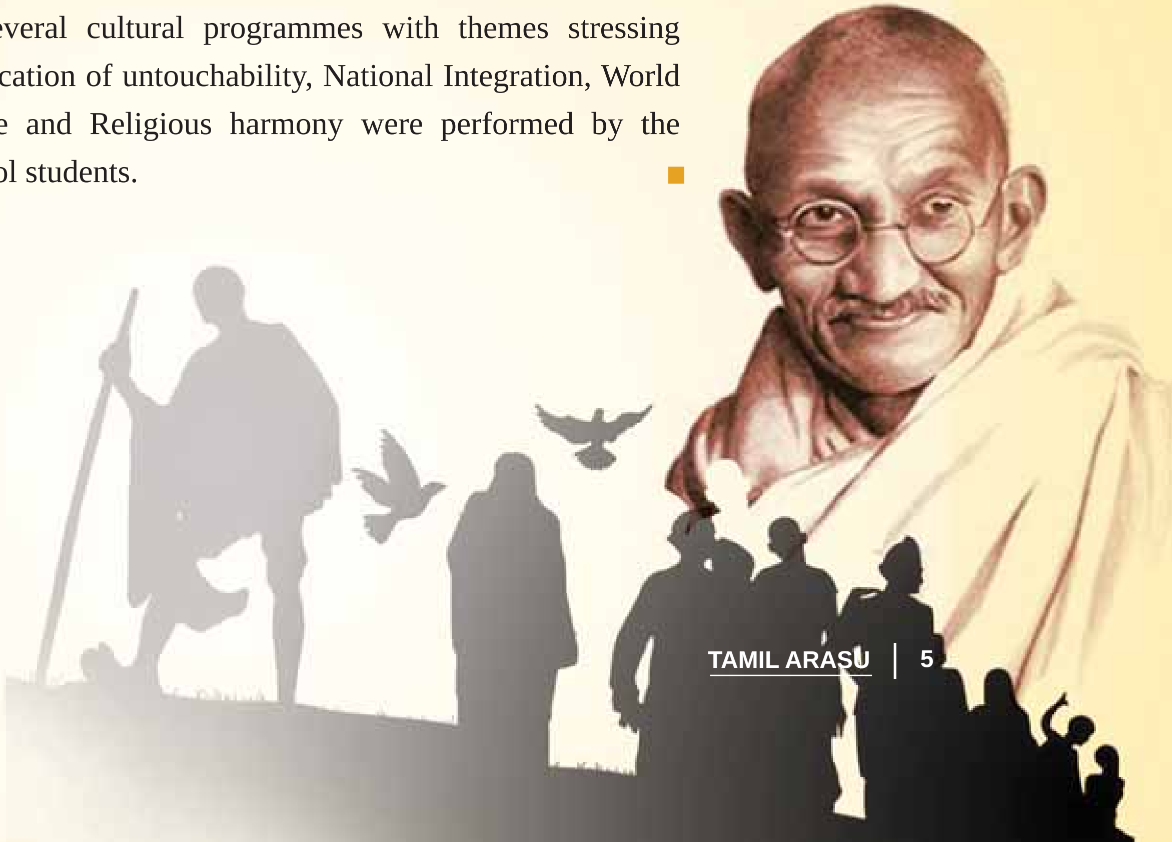
Distribution of prizes: The function for distribution of prizes to students commenced around 5.00 p.m. at the Gandhi Mandapam.

His Excellency the Governor Dr. K. Rosaiah presided over the function, distributed prizes to the winners in the competitions held earlier for school and college students, and delivered the keynote address.

Hon'ble Minister for School Education and Sports and Youth Welfare Thiru. N.R. Sivapathy and Hon'ble Minister for Information and Special Programmes Implementation Thiru. K.T. Rajenthrabhalaji offerened felicitations.

Earlier Dr. M. Rajaram I.A.S., Secretary, Tamil Development, Religious Endowments and Information Department welcomed the gathering. Thiru. J. Kumaraguruparan, I.A.S., Director, Information and Public Relations Department proposed vote of thanks.

Several cultural programmes with themes stressing eradication of untouchability, National Integration, World Peace and Religious harmony were performed by the school students.



BUY AND USE KHADHI CLOTHES

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** appeal to the people on 2.10.2012 in connection with the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. (English Translation)

To improve the standard of living of weavers in Tamil Nadu, the Government headed by your beloved sister has been implementing several schemes. The Tamil Nadu Government has taken up several special programmes to improve the quality of life of rural weavers who are engaged in weaving various varieties of Khadhi clothes.

Tamil Nadu is a forerunner in manufacturing Khadhi clothes with yarn spun on charkhas. To stand by the weavers engaged in Khadhi production and by way of encouraging them, the Tamil Nadu Government is helping them with a higher rate of rebate for Khadhi clothes.

Khadhi sales centres are offering for sale Khadhi clothes with new designs catering to the tastes of the people and innovative handicrafts.

I earnestly solicit that students, Government Employees and the general public to purchase and utilise the Khadhi goods manufactured by the rural poor weavers, Self-Help Groups and others.

'Let us lend a helping hand to weaving industry, Let us illumine weavers' lives'

Direct Karnataka to release immediately 48 T.M.C. ft. of water to save Samba crops in Tamil Nadu

Opening Remarks of **Selvi J Jayalalithaa,** Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at the 7th meeting of the Cauvery River Authority held on 19.9.2012 at New Delhi.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh,

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri Jagadish Shettar,

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Puducherry Shri N. Rangasamy,

Ministers and Officers of the Central and State Governments,

The 7th meeting of the Cauvery River Authority has been convened after a long gap of 9 years and that too only after my persistent efforts and after the intervention of the Supreme Court.

2. Mr. Prime Minister, Tamil Nadu as a lower riparian State has had to endure untold misery to get its lawful and entitled share of Cauvery Water over the years, pitted against a recalcitrant Karnataka which proclaims that it has all the right to Cauvery water till its reservoirs are full.

3. Mr. Prime Minister, I come to this meeting with a sense of déjàvu. This is not the first time that we were made to oscillate between the Supreme Court and the Cauvery River Authority, desperately seeking release of water, while Karnataka fills its reservoirs and irrigates its crops and the Central Government turns a Nelson's eye to the plight of the farmers of Tamil Nadu. The implications of impounding an Inter-State river by an upper riparian State, in utter disregard of judicial pronouncements, will be far reaching and will affect the very roots of Federalism especially if the Central Government behaves like the proverbial Nero who was fiddling while Rome was burning. The Supreme Court in its opinion on 22.11.1991 in the Presidential Special Reference No.1 of 1991 has in its wisdom observed:-

"Though the waters of an Inter-State river pass through the territories of riparian States such waters cannot be said to be located in any one State. They are in a state of flow and no State can claim exclusive ownership of such waters so as to deprive the other States of their equitable share."

4. Mr. Prime Minister, as you are aware, the River Cauvery is the lifeline of Tamil Nadu which contributes to about 45 percent of the total surface flows of the State and the farmers of the Cauvery Basin entirely depend upon the supply of water from Mettur Dam for cultivation. Cultivation on about 15 lakh acres is totally dependent on the release of water from Mettur Dam. The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal had pronounced its Final Order on 5.2.2007 and despite my Government's repeated

requests, the Final Order has not yet been notified by the Government of India. Therefore, till the Final Order is notified, the Interim Order of the Tribunal should be considered as the governing regime for all purposes. Indeed, the Cauvery Monitoring Committee has been mandated to meet once in three months to monitor the implementation of the Interim Order of the Tribunal.

5. During the crucial months of June, July, August and September, the Tribunal has mandated a total release of 137 T.M.C. ft. into Mettur Dam by Karnataka, breaking it down into monthly and weekly schedules. I am saddened to say that this part of the Order is repeatedly violated by Karnataka. Its stand that the total volume of water to be released will be computed at the end of December is inhuman and is a grave injustice to the rights of the lower riparian States. I am also pained to point out that the Government of India does not monitor this crucial aspect of calibrated release of water by Karnataka which has already resulted in the loss of one crop this year. Karnataka has unjustly utilized the water for summer irrigation and impounded all the flows it had received so far and as a result, Mettur Dam could not be opened for irrigation on the normal date of 12th June during this Irrigation Year. We have released water from Mettur Dam only on the 17th of September, i.e. the day before yesterday, to enable our farmers to raise at least one single Samba Crop, in spite of insufficient storage. However, the current situation is extremely critical. Mettur Dam has a storage of about 45 TMC. ft. of water which is barely sufficient for 30 days, whereas the main reservoirs in Karnataka have about 80% of their total gross capacity. If the North-East monsoon plays truant as did the South-West monsoon, the entire hopes and aspirations of the Delta farmers will be dashed.

6. My repeated requests to the Government of India to restrain Karnataka from depleting its reservoirs for summer irrigation and to ensure the release of water to Tamil Nadu as per the Interim Order have been met with stoic silence. In fact, my letters to you, Mr. Prime Minister, have not been responded to properly, except for one. Is it too much, in a Federal set up, for a Chief Minister to expect a reasonable reply from the Prime Minister?

7. Be that as it may, Mr. Prime Minister, the need of the hour is to order immediate release of water from Karnataka, without any dithering or procrastination, so that the livelihood of our farmers and agricultural labourers is safeguarded.

8. Mr. Prime Minister, the pattern of flows to be ensured monthwise at Mettur has been fixed with reference to the crop water requirements of the downstream

States by the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the Tribunal had made this explicit, when the State of Karnataka raised its objections. Karnataka has not been honouring either the Interim Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal dated 25.6.1991 which is in force, or the Final Order of the Tribunal dated 5.2.2007 in toto, but is harping on the purported Final Order selectively. Karnataka has declared in its affidavit dated 24.8.2012 filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court that it has no obligation to release water till December, in utter contempt of the orders of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, and yet the Government of India is a mute spectator to this injustice. Thus, it is evident that Karnataka is holding the downstream States to ransom, declaring that all the waters that flow through its territory are its own and further declaring that it has no responsibility or commitment to cater to the needs of the age old ayacuts that have been developed over the centuries in the downstream State of Tamil Nadu. The failure of Karnataka to ensure the release of the stipulated flows to Tamil Nadu during the crucial months of June to September in every irrigation year adversely affects agricultural operations in the State, besides affecting the total food grain supply in Tamil Nadu and consequently, in the country as a whole.

9. As on 1st February, 2012, the combined gross storage in the 4 major reservoirs of Karnataka was 58.50 T.M.C. ft. It had been drastically reduced to 22.20 T.M.C. ft. as of 1st June, 2012. Karnataka had utilized about 36.30 T.M.C. ft. of water for summer irrigation, besides utilizing all the inflows during those months, contrary to the orders of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal. Having depleted the reservoirs during the summer months, Karnataka then impounds all the waters received in the South-West monsoon period until its reservoirs surplus, thereby creating an artificial drought in Tamil Nadu. We are made to suffer merely because of the geographical fact of being a lower riparian State. During the current year, as on 15.9.2012, Tamil Nadu should have received 122.32 T.M.C. ft. of water at Mettur Dam, as per the Interim Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, whereas, we only received 19.40 T.M.C. ft. Consequently, the entire Kuruvai cultivation was thrown into disarray. Even assuming that there is distress in Karnataka, we should have received an additional 48.50 T.M.C. ft. up to 15.9.2012, as per the Distress Sharing Formula devised by the Central Water Commission. There might have been a shortfall in precipitation in Karnataka in June but currently, three of its four reservoirs, namely, Kabini, Hemavathy and Harangi are full and the

fourth one Krishnaraja Sagar is fast filling up. I, therefore, expect that the Hon'ble Prime Minister would order release of our due share of water immediately.

10. Sir, an important issue on which a decision needs to be taken in this meeting is about sharing of water in a distress situation. As you are aware, I have in my letter dated 18.5.2012 written to you about the distress situation that had arisen in Tamil Nadu. The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal in its order dated 3.4.1992 had made it clear that if, in future, a situation of distress is caused by diminution in the supply of water for meeting the releases ordered by it, the method of pro-rata sharing of the distress could always be adopted, which has also been reiterated in the Final Order. The Cauvery River Authority in its 3rd meeting held on 10.10.2001 decided to work out an acceptable and equitable procedure for pro-rata sharing of the distress and requested the Basin States to put forward their specific suggestions for consideration by the Cauvery River Authority. Pursuant to this, the Central Water Commission evolved an acceptable and equitable procedure for pro-rata sharing of distress and in the 4th meeting of the Cauvery River Authority held on 27.8.2002, the then Chairman of the Cauvery River Authority suggested that the Cauvery Monitoring Committee functioning under the Cauvery River Authority should meet and finalise before 15.9.2002 a specific formula for distress sharing. Subsequently, the Supreme Court in its Order dated 3.9.2002 had directed the Cauvery River Authority to finally decide the dispute between the States with regard to the pro-rata sharing of the water by the Cauvery Basin States especially in times of distress. The Distress Sharing Formula evolved by the Central Water Commission and accepted by the Cauvery Monitoring Committee as early as in 2003, is yet to be approved by the Cauvery River Authority. Tamil Nadu has already given its consent to the Distress Sharing Formula. The formula envisages releases on pro-rata basis, based on the flows into the Karnataka reservoirs in a distress year. Since a situation of distress has now arisen, there is an imperative need to approve the Distress Sharing Formula so as to ensure that Karnataka shares the flows it receives in its 4 major reservoirs. I, therefore, urge the Hon'ble Prime Minister that in this meeting itself the Distress Sharing Formula should be approved and the water already due to Tamil Nadu should be ordered to be released forthwith.

11. Mr. Prime Minister, yet another issue which requires immediate consideration by the Cauvery River Authority is about the area under irrigation by Karnataka. The Cauvery

Water Disputes Tribunal, in its Interim Order dated 25.6.1991, has directed that the State of Karnataka shall not increase its area under irrigation by the waters of the River Cauvery beyond 11.20 lakh acres. Karnataka does not furnish details of the project wise annual irrigated area to the Cauvery Monitoring Committee. I, therefore, request you to direct the Government of Karnataka to furnish the project wise area irrigated annually, to monitor whether it has exceeded this stipulation made in the Interim Order which is in force.

12. Mr. Prime Minister, the people of Tamil Nadu expect positive and firm action on your part for the release of water from Karnataka. The Supreme Court on 10.9.2012 had directed Karnataka to release 10,000 cusecs each day till 20th September, 2012. It will also not be out of place to point out here that, as per the Business Rules of the Cauvery River Authority, if consensus is elusive, the Chairperson's decision is final. Therefore, I request you to direct Karnataka to immediately release 48 T.M.C. ft. at the rate of 2 T.M.C. ft. of water every day for the next 24 days which is due to Tamil Nadu in accordance with the Distress Sharing Formula and thereafter continuously, as per the Interim Order of the Tribunal, so that the Samba crop can be sustained in the Cauvery Basin and food crisis in Tamil Nadu is averted. ■

THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SHOULD UPHOLD THE DEMOCRATIC VALUES UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa,** at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly praising the newly unanimously elected Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Thiru. P. Dhanapal, on 10.10.2012 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,

Democracy is a mature, useful, vigorous and dearer form of Governance. Its goal is the good of all and their development without any distinction between the ruler and the ruled. It is the people who decide the policies of the Government in a democracy. And it is the Legislature that reflects the free flow of ideas in such an exalted democracy.

At the outset, I offer my congratulations on your unanimous election as the Speaker of this historic Legislative Assembly. I am immensely pleased to see you adorning the Speaker's Chair in this Assembly which has earned the encomiums of several political leaders of our Country.

'Unity in diversity' is the message your unanimous election has given to this Assembly. Though elected to the Legislature on an AIADMK ticket, you have taken up a responsibility to do justice, from this moment to all members of the Assembly without any party bias. You are common to all members; you are the custodian of all.

In Legislature history, Thiru. J. Shivashanmugam Pillai was acclaimed as one who had on his fingertips all the rules and observed traditions of the Assembly. Though short in physical stature, he was an expert conversationalist in English and in the conduct of the affairs of the Assembly. He was praised by all the partymen as the best Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Like him, Dr. U. Krishna Rao also functioned with utmost neutrality. He was the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly between 1957 and 1962. Perarignar Anna was in the opposition then. When he was congratulating the newly elected Speaker and Deputy Speaker, as Hon'ble Chief Minister in 1967, Perarignar Anna remarked: "I will proudly say that late Dr. U. Krishna Rao had never indulged in any action in those 5 years, when we were in the opposition that caused bitterness in any one of us." With such impartiality Dr. U. Krishna Rao discharged his duties.

So were Thiru. S. Chellapandian, Thiru. N. Gopala Menon and many other Speakers who had upheld the dignity and decorum of the Legislative Assembly by their impartiality.

Legislature democracy is a set up which accepts and vouchsafes the principles of duty, dignity and discipline. Hence members of the Assembly should function with a full awareness of their democratic duty. Their actions should vindicate them as conveyors of truth, champions of rights and as persons who respect the opponents and who in them, have a strong sense of justice. I would like to point out at this juncture that if Legislature democracy is to succeed, Members of the Legislative Assembly should uphold the democratic values under all circumstances and during the times of crisis also.

> ***"If Legislature democracy is to succeed, Members of the Legislative Assembly should uphold the democratic values under all circumstances and during the times of crisis also."***

On common issues like eradication of poverty, creation of employment opportunities, providing drinking water facilities, increasing production, economic development, industrialisation, and improving the standard of living there will be a unanimity of views among members. There could be no two opinions on these issues between the ruling and opposition parties. However, there could be difference of opinion on how to achieve the goal and on the methods to be employed for the implementation of the schemes. So, when an unanimous decision eludes, achieving a consensus may be the best democratic way for resolving differences. Otherwise, democracy will become inactive though freedom of speech will remain. I would like to underscore, in this context, that the activities of Members should be such that as to make the democracy thrive.

Much heat will be generated when the opposition raises a debate against the ruling party and levels charges against it and when the ruling party repudiates them. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, on behalf of the ruling party and senior members on behalf of the opposition will try to cool the frayed tempers on these

occasions. It is required. At the same time, no one will endorse any planned attempt to create, a ruckus in the assembly on the basis of on information or an incident.

On such occasions, you may be forced to act strictly after discerning whether the Members are genuinely arguing their points or are levelling charges out of political malice and with the ulterior motive of creating chaos in the Assembly. Not only me, all other Members here, have faith that you will show interest and enthusiasm in conducting the proceedings of the Assembly, taking into account the Legislative Assembly's rules, traditions of the House and the rulings of your predecessors. The responsibility of protecting the rights of the Members has been entrusted with you.

Born in a scheduled caste poor farmer's family in a backward region, you became a post-graduate and now have risen to this high office. I am immensely happy that after Independence, you are the first Speaker in the history of Tamil Nadu Legislature who, a scheduled caste, has been elected unanimously, and that you belong to the Arunthathiyar Community. You have created history in this historic Legislature.

You are a member of the AIADMK from its very inception in 1972 when Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivar MGR founded it with the ideal of doing good to the people. You have worked hard to uphold the party's policies. You have held several posts in the party. You are in close contact with people, especially with the poor and the less privileged. You were elected to the Assembly thrice consecutively from 1977 to 1988 from the Sangagiri Constituency and discharged your duties to the appreciation of all. Again, you were elected in 2001, became a Minister and administered effectively the departments of Adi Dravidar Welfare, Food and Co-operation. For the 5th time, you have now been elected, from Rasipuram and have been functioning for the last 16 months as Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. In short, you have had the experience of a Legislator, Minister and Deputy Speaker of the Assembly.

There is no two opinions that you will acquit yourself in an exemplary way in your new office, going by your geniality, nature of moving closely with people and your experience as a Legislator, Minister and Deputy Speaker.

I am confident, your acumen, experience and efficiency will stand you in good stead in upholding the greatness and fame of this August Assembly. You have that capability.

The strings of a fiddle should neither be stretched too much nor are they be too loose, if you want to get the correct note from it. It should be in a middle order. Likewise impartiality is essential if this House is to function with decorum. As you have naturally imbibed this quality, I have every confidence that you will conduct the proceedings of the House in a magnificent way.

Under your leadership, the dignity of this Assembly will enhance further. I extend my greetings and good wishes to you. ■

Statement of the
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Selvi J Jayalalithaa,
on 9.10.2012
(English Translation)

Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Diamond Jubilee Memorial Arch

After India attained Independence, the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly was constituted in 1952 as per the Indian Constitution. In 2012, it has completed 60 years and its Diamond Jubilee is to be celebrated in a grand scale.

As a forerunner to the celebrations, I have ordered the erection of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Diamond Jubilee Memorial Arch on the Rajaji Salai in Chennai between the War Memorial and the Secretariat. The arch will be designed in a magnificent way to suit the grandeur of Fort St. George and it will etch an everlasting memory in people about the Diamond Jubilee event.

The memorial arch will be 80 feet wide and 41 feet high. It will display a blend of tradition and modern architectural finesse and will be in conformity with the place where Fort St. George and War memorial are situated.

Tenements for Hutment Dwellers

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 9.10.2012 declared open through video conferencing at the Secretariat, 108 tenements constructed at an estimate of Rs. 2.57 crores at Sulur in Coimbatore District.

With the noble view of protecting the suffering hutment dwellers from rain, floods and natural calamities and help them to lead a healthy life of good dwellings, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has been implementing several welfare schemes for the hutment people.

Each of the Sulur tenements in Coimbatore District measures 271 sq. ft. and has a multi-purpose room, a bed room, a kitchen and a toilet. The 108 tenements have come up in 3 floor buildings. The complex consists of drinking water, sewerage, black topped road, storm water drainage, street light and rain water saving facilities.

The Tamil Nadu Housing Board has constructed 912 slum clearance tenements, each measuring 222 sq. ft, at a cost of Rs. 26,46,25,000/- at Pallipalayam in Namakkal District. The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open these flats.

A new office building for the Salem Division office of the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, constructed at an estimate of Rs. 35 lakhs was also declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The Divisional office has been functioning till now in a rented premises. As the building lacked facilities, there was great difficulty in executing the Board's works. The new office building located at Naalukaal Mandapam area in Salem measures a total of 4,100 sq. ft. in 2 floors and has all facilities like those needed for preserving documents, drinking water, toilet, sewerage and parking space for vehicles etc.,

12 tenements, each measuring 792 sq. ft., have been constructed at Villupuram Master Plan Complex in Villupuram District at a cost of Rs. 1,04,73,000/- for rental purposes for "B" type Government Employees. The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open these flats too.

New Police Commissionerate in Tiruppur

By effectively taking up the works of maintenance of Law and Order and prevention and detection of crimes, the Police Department has exemplified itself as the custodian of general peace of the Country. To further improve the works of such an important department, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been taking several steps. With a view to upgrade all the police outposts into full fledged Police Stations gradually, in the current year 2012-2013, the outposts in 12 places will be upgraded. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has not only passed orders in this respect but has created 355 additional police posts to man these stations. The Government will incur an expenditure of Rs. 12.40 crores on account of this.

The outposts to be upgraded in the current year 2012-2013 are: H-7 peripheral hospital in Chennai, Jambunathapuram in Tiruchirapalli District, Dhevangudi in Thiruvarur District, Government Headquarters hospital in Erode District, Thimmampettai in Vellore District, Velayudhapattinam in Sivagangai District, Seethaparappanallur and Ayyapuram in Tirunelveli District, Serakulam in Thoothukudi District, Basin Bridge in Chennai Railway Division and Manamadurai and Thenkasi in Tiruchirapalli Railway Division.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the setting up of 5 new Traffic Police Stations at Manapparai in Tiruchirapalli District, Dharapuram in Tiruppur District, Thirupathur in Vellore District, Avaniapuram in Madurai District and at Chromepet in Chennai city for effectively taking up traffic police works. Eighty new police posts will be created. The Government will incur an expenditure of Rs. 2.97 crores for the same.

Taking into account that Tiruppur town has been upgraded into a Municipal Corporation, that sufficient police offices have not been set up after a new district is created with Tiruppur as the Headquarters and the growing population and traffic congestion in Tiruppur, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the creation of a new Police Commissionerate for Tiruppur town at a cost of Rs. 17.49 crores. Along with the existing police stations in Tiruppur, new traffic and All Women Police Stations will be created. For manning these stations the Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned 1008 posts viz., 536 new ones and 472 to be filled up by reorganising the Tiruppur District Police Force.

These actions of the Government will pave way for the effective functioning of Police Force.

New Veterinary Colleges and Research Institutes

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 9.10.2012 inaugurated at the Secretariat through video conferencing the newly set up Veterinary College and Research Institute under the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Seciences University at Orathanadu in East Thanjavur District. The Chief Minister also inaugurated the newly founded Veterinary College and Research Institute at the Thirunelveli Veterinary Hospital Complex.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered the setting up of the two colleges and Research Institutes on the score that only when efficient veterinary doctors are generated, quality medical services could be provided to domestic animals.

The Tamil Nadu Government has alienated 177.92 acres at the District Animal Husbandry Farm in Orthanadu for the new Veterinary College and Research Institute and has sanctioned Rs. 16.34 crores towards expenses including providing infrastructure facilities. A Principal and 38 Lecturers have been appointed for the college and 40 students have been admitted to the first year graduation course.

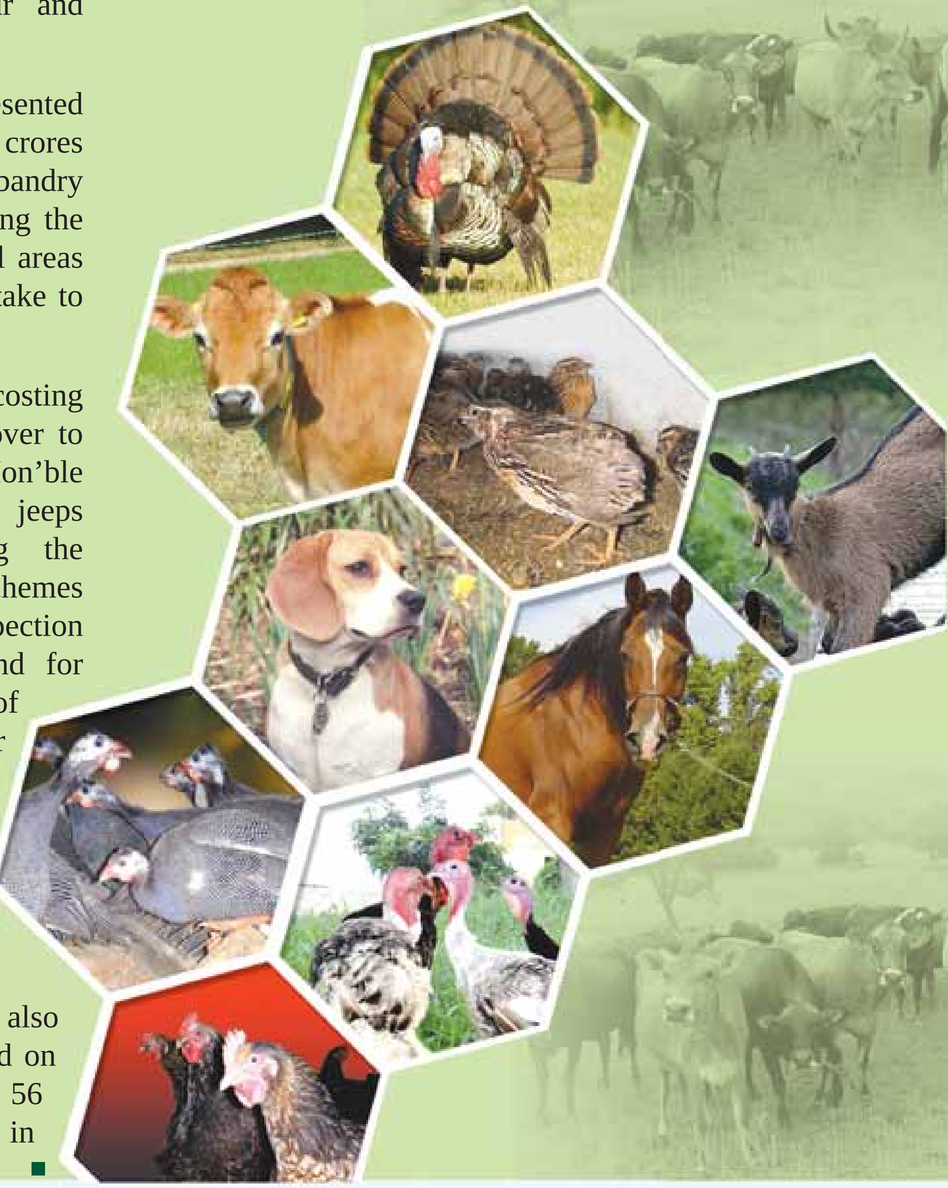
The State Government has allotted 139.21 acres in Ramaiyyanpatti, Thirunelveli District and has sanctioned Rs. 12.59 crores for infrastructure facilitites and other expenses.

A Principal and 32 Lecturers have been appointed for this college and the Government has permitted the commencing of first year

classes with 40 students at the Thirunelveli Veterinary Hospital Complex. The classes have been set up and laboratory facilities have been provided.

The Veterinary Colleges and Research Institutes inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister will, not only produce more Veterinary Graduates needed for the whole State, but, will improve the livelihood of people depending on livestock including goat rearing in Thanjavur and Thirunelveli Districts.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister presented 29 jeeps purchased at a cost of Rs. 1.77 crores for better execution of animal husbandry development programmes, for providing the best medical services to cattle in rural areas and to enable department officials to take to supervisory works in a better way.



Thirty two new vehicles, costing Rs. 2,22,20,000/- were also handed over to the Fisheries Department by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. These include 19 jeeps (Rs. 1,14,20,000/-) for expediting the implementation of the fisheries plan schemes of the Government, for a closer inspection of the works of fishing harbour and for taking up speedily review works of fishermen villages; vehicles for 2 mobile fish sales stalls through the Fisheries Development Corporation (Rs. 18 lakhs) and vehicles for 11 mobile fish sales stalls (Rs. 90 lakhs) through the Fisheries Department.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also handed over appointment orders issued on compassionate grounds to the heirs of 56 workers of Avin who had died while in service. ■

New bridges and buildings

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 9.10.2012 declared open at the Secretariat through video conferencing, a railway overbridge constructed at the Gummudipoondi level crossing (No. 33) at a cost of Rs. 23.37 crores, on behalf of the Highways and Minor Ports Department. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also declared open 25 new bridges constructed across the State on behalf of the Department at a cost of Rs. 158.15 crores, 2 by-pass roads (Rs. 15.90 crores) and six buildings (Rs. 2.44 crores).

Road infrastructure facility plays an important role in the country's economic development. Considering the importance of providing road infrastructure, the Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been diligently working in building new bridges throughout the State and in maintaining the roads and bridges.

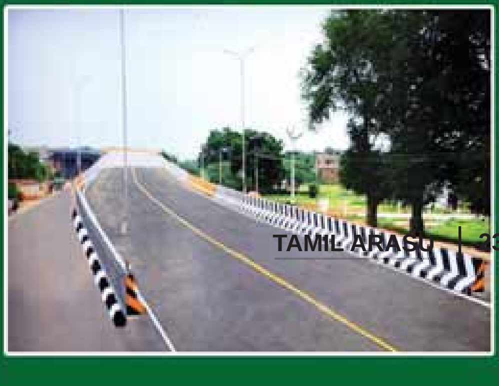
The 632.74 metre long Railway overbridge is between the Gummudipoondi and Kavarapettai Railway stations in Thiruvallur District and will replace the No. 33 level crossing. People going to Gummudipoondi and surrounding villages from Chennai will greatly benefit by this overbridge.

The 25 bridges, highlevel bridges and overbridges declared open on 9.10.2012 are: across Adyar river in Nandambakkam, Kancheepuram District (Rs. 4.95 crores), new bridge at Baagalur (Rs. 3.20 crores) and a minor bridge at Mathur (Rs. 1.08 crores) (Both in Krishnagiri District), high level bridges across Uppanaaru at Nochikaadu (Rs. 8.40 crores) and at Kundu Uppalawadi (Rs. 3.74 crores) both in Cuddalore District, at Peramangalam (Rs. 1.31 crores) and at Kannanoor (Rs. 2.73 crores); both in Tiruchy District, high level bridges across Vaigai in Madurai city, Madurai District (Rs. 12 crores), at Koramangalam in Thiruvallur District (Rs. 2.75 crores), across Bhawani River at Thottampalayam in Erode District (Rs. 4.28 crores), across Noyyalaru at Anaipalayam (Rs. 2.17 crores) and at N. Kancheepuram (Rs. 1.41 crores) both at Tiruppur District, at V.Kalathur in Perambalur District (Rs. 4.13 crores), at Masigam and Mittapalli in Vellore District (Rs. 6 crores), at Ammapalayam in Thiruvannamalai District (Rs. 3.65 crores), across Karumeniyar river at Thinaiyurani/Kaarayandi in Thirunelveli District (Rs. 4.28 crores), across Varaaga river at Melmalayanoor in Villupuram District (Rs. 1.99 crores).

A Railway overbridge to replace level crossing No. 37 in Gummudipoondi, Thiruvallur District (Rs. 17 crores), a railway overbridge to replace level crossing 303 in Thanjavur, Thanjavur District (Rs. 18.44 crores), a Railway overbridge to replace level crossing 24 in Pallavaram, Alandur Constituency, Kancheepuram District (Rs. 14 crores), a Railway overbridge to replace level crossing No. 50 at Thiruvelam (Rs. 9.90 crores) and another to replace level crossing No. 88 in Thamalerimuthur (Rs. 13.20 crores), both in Vellore District, and a railway overbridge to replace level crossing No. 118 at Pollachi in Coimbatore District (Rs. 12.44 crores);

A high level bridge across Mudikondan river in Chennanallur on Mayiladuthurai-Thiruthuraipoondi road in Thiruvarur District (Rs. 2.32 crores), and a new bridge at Thimmarasanayakanur in Theni District (Rs. 2.79 crores).

The 2 by-pass roads are laid respectively at Vandavasi in Thiruvannamalai District (Rs. 3.50 crores) and at Perambalur in Perambalur District (Rs. 12.40 crores), and the six new buildings are the Traveller's Bungalow at Yelagiri Hills (Rs. 27 lakhs), a Divisional office building at Vaniyambadi (Rs. 18 lakhs), both in Vellore District, a Divisional office building at the Ramanathapuram Traveller's Bungalow Complex (Rs. 38.50 lakhs), Nagapattinam Division, Sub-division and section office buildings in Nagapattinam District (Rs. 70 lakhs), Villupuram Tahsildar office building, Sub-Division office for Investigation and other Zonal offices in Villupuram District (Rs. 70 lakhs) and Madurai Sub-Division office in Madurai District (Rs. 20 lakhs). ■



'Own Your House'

'Own Your House' scheme for Police, Fire and Rescue Services and Prison Department personnel

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa announced in the Legislative Assembly that houses will be constructed to the personnel of the Police, Fire and Rescue Services and Prison Department through the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation under the 'Own Your House' scheme.

A plot of 47.60 acres owned by Government has been identified for the scheme in Melakottaiyur village, Chengalpattu Taluk, Kancheepuram District. It is located on the Vandalur-Kelambakkam road, 8 kilometres from Vandalur Zoo. It is proposed to construct 2,673 houses at an estimate of Rs. 455.50 crores. Police Constables/Head Constables/Prison Head Constables numbering 1317; Sub-Inspectors/Inspectors/Station Officer/Deputy Divisional Officer, Deputy Prison Officers numbering 1190 and Deputy Superintendent of Police/Divisional Officers and Prison Officials numbering 166 persons will benefit from this project.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister viewed a model of the Project at the Secretariat on 4.10.2012. The Hon'ble Chief Minister directed that construction work should start soon and the Project completed within 12 months. As additional facilities, a School, Primary Health Centre, Playground, Shopping Mall, a Police Canteen and an outpatient hospital for Police should also be set up. ■

New Fire and Rescue Services Station at Alangulam

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 9.10.2012 declared open at the Secretariat through video conferencing, the Rs. 3.85 crores new office building for the Thirunelveli city Police Commissionerate and the Rs. 75.40 lakhs new Fire and Rescue Services Station at Alangulam in Thirunelveli District. The Hon’ble Chief Minister also declared open 1036 dwellings for police constables, 29 police stations, 4 All Women Police Stations and 9 other Police department buildings – all constructed by the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation at a cost of Rs. 85.10 crores.

The Police Department plays a vital role in maintaining peace and tranquility in the State. To improve the functioning of such an important Department, the Hon’ble Chief Minister had announced that all those police stations presently housed in rented building would be enabled to function from their own premises and that the quarters for Police

personnel would be located nearer to their place of works.

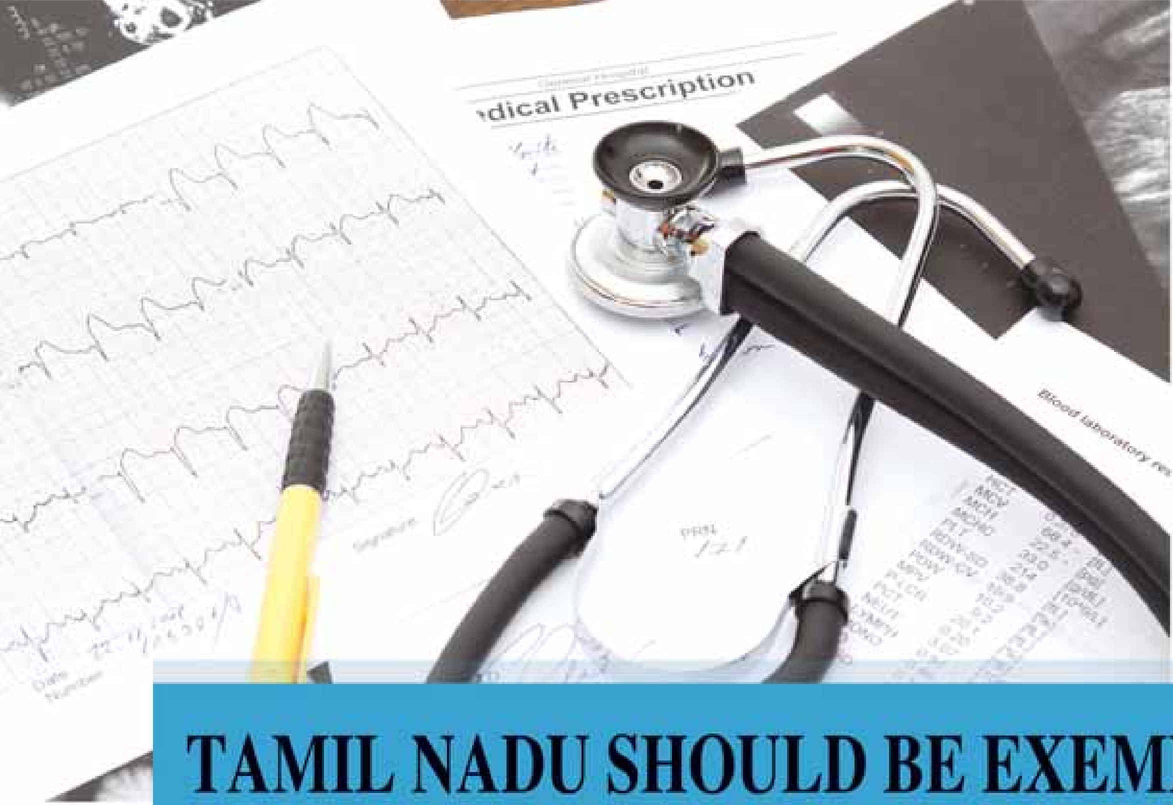
Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open on 9.10.2012 new Police Station buildings at 29 places constructed at a cost of Rs. 10,96,85,000/-, All Women Police Station buildings at 4 places (Rs. 1,05,64,000/-), 1036 dwellings for Police Constables (Rs. 66,28,00,000/-), and 9 other buildings for the Department (Rs. 6.79 crores).

The new buildings for the 29 Police Stations have come up at Thirumanoor and Venganoor (Ariyalur District), Washermenpet (Chennai District), Parangipettai , Kattumannarkovil, Thittakudi and Kumaratchi (Cuddalore District), Vadamadurai (Dindigul District), Erode Taluk and Chennimalai (Erode District), Maduranthakam (Kancheepuram District), Krishnagiri Taluk (Krishnagiri District), Nagapattinam Town (Nagapattinam District), Mettur Taluk (Salem District), Budalur (Thanjavur District), Kombai (Theni District), Ponnur and Verayur (Thiruvannamalai District), Thalamuthu Nagar (Thoothukudi District), Manachanallur (Tiruchy District), Erwadi, Surandai and Pappagudi (Thirunelveli District), Vellore Taluk (Vaniyambadi), Virinjipuram, Tirupattur Town and Naatrampalli (Vellore District), Kandachipuram (Villupuram District), and Ammapatti (Virudhunagar District).

The new buildings for the All Women Police Stations have come up at Vadamadurai (Dindigul District), Arakonam (Vellore District), Aruppukottai and Sivakasi in Virudhunagar District.

The Police Lines have come up at Andimadam (27 dwellings; Ariyalur District), Mettupalayam (Coimbatore District) – 40 dwellings, Royapettai – 4, and Velacheri – 8 (both Chennai District), Palani – 108 dwellings for 14th battalion of Tamil Nadu Special Police, Ottanchatram – 65 dwellings (Both in Dindigul District), Chengalpattu – 1, Mamallapuram – 1, (Both in Kancheepuram District), Boothapandi (Kanniyakumari District) – 24, Chinthamanipatti – 11, and K. Paramathi – 12 (both in Karur District), Ponchampalli – 21, for the 7th battalion of Tamil Nadu Special Police at Pochampalli – 27 and at Parur Pochampalli – 12 (all in Krishnagiri District), for Madurai Armed Police – 130 dwellings and one dwelling in Sapthur (Madurai District), at Namagiripettai – 19 and Mallasamudram – 11 (both in Namakkal District), at Kaanthal – 8, Jail Hills – 20 (both in The Nilgiris District), at Elupur – 6 (Pudukottai District), Andipatti (Theni District) – 3, Thiruvallur – 30, and at Avadi – 117 (both in Thiruvallur District), at Muthupet (Tiruvarur District) – 15, Thoothukudi (Thoothukudi District) – 42, at Melapalayam – 7, Sankarankovil – 41, Sankarankovil Taluk – 22, for Sankarankovil All Women Police Station personnel – 2, Kadayanallur – 12, Puliyangudi – 12 and for the 9th Battalion personnel of Manimutharu Tamil Nadu Special Police – 54 dwellings (all in Thirunelveli District), at Udumalpet (Tiruppur District) – 71, at Siruganur – 2, Kattuputhur – 1 (Tiruchy District), and at Mailam – 21, and at Olukur – 19 (both in Villupuram District).

The 9 other new buildings opened for the Department are the office building for the The Nilgiris District Superintendent of Police, camp office building for the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Vedasandur (Dindigul District), camp office for Deputy Superintendent of Police at Katpadi (Vellore District), Camp office for Nagapattinam Deputy Superintendent of Police and Sub-division office for the Anti-Corruption and Vigilance Department, Nagapattinam (both in Nagapattinam District), the Dormitory building at Rajaratinam Stadium and the office building for Prohibition and Enforcement branch at Ambattur and the station building for CID branch at Thoothukudi (Thoothukudi District).



TAMIL NADU SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM THE COMMON ENTRANCE TEST FOR ADMISSION TO MEDICAL COLLEGES

Text of the D.O. letter dated 30.9.2012 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa,** Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Dr. Manmohan Singh,** Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

"I would like to draw your attention to my earlier letter dated 30.07.2011 wherein I had conveyed the Government of Tamil Nadu's strong protest against the move to conduct an All India Common Entrance Test for admission to Under Graduates / Post Graduates. However, despite the State's protest it has been brought to my notice that the Government of India has notified the National Board of Examination (NBE) for conducting the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test for Post Graduate Courses and has gone ahead issuing a public notice for admission to MD / MS / Post Graduate Diploma Courses for the 2013 session.

As already stated in my earlier letter, the State Government has already taken a policy decision to abolish the entrance examination for professional courses. This was done after detailed examination by an Expert Committee that found that such Common Entrance Tests put rural students from poor socio economic backgrounds at a disadvantage due to lack of geographical and financial access to requisite training institutions and materials.

Further, the Government of Tamil Nadu has reserved 50% of its medical Post Graduate seats for doctors who have completed three years of rural service with special weightage for those working in hilly and tribal areas. The Government has also successfully obtained and enforced bonds from those completing Post Graduate education in Government Medical Colleges to serve the State for a minimum period, which

has helped to meet the need for specialist medical manpower. It will be legally difficult to implement these policy initiatives if a Common Entrance Test is introduced as we would have to fall in line with the regulations of the National Test, which may not have such enabling provisions.

We had earlier been assured by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare that the States would be consulted and our views considered before evolving any policy decision with regard to the conduct of an All India Common Entrance Test. The Government of Tamil Nadu had also given its views as above, specifically stating that the All India Common Entrance Test would interfere with the rights of the State Government in administering the education system and would create problems in implementing the reservation policy followed uniquely in our State. Even after repeated requests, by this public notice, it is now clear that the Government of India has not considered our case and has gone ahead with the decision to implement the Common Entrance Test and in the notice has stated that NEET-PG is a mandatory test for gaining entry to MD/MS/PG Diploma courses in all medical colleges under the ambit of post graduate medical education of the Medical Council of India.

We are surprised and distressed by this unilateral decision of the Government of India which has been made without taking into account our protest and inspite of the stay against the Common Entrance Test obtained in W.P No 341/2011 and 342/2011 in the Madras High Court which holds good until it is vacated or until the writ petition is disposed of.

The Government of Tamil Nadu strongly protests the move to conduct an All India Common Entrance Test for admission to UG / PG courses in Medical Colleges and reiterates that Tamil Nadu should be exempted from the test and allowed to continue with its existing system for admission to Under Graduate / Post Graduate Medical seats."

My Government will never allow FDI in retail trade in Tamil Nadu

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister
Selvi J Jayalalithaa **on14.9.2012**

The shocking decision of the Government of India to open up Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Multi Brand Retailing and the Aviation Sector, ignoring the concerns expressed by the States and other stakeholders shows the utter disregard for the sensitivity of the issue and panic in the UPA Government. This decision is totally undemocratic and against the public interest. The UPA Government has been making blunder after blunder by adopting many anti-people policies and this latest decision will only add up to one more such serious blunder committed by the Central Government which seems to be totally unmindful of the interests of the common people.

After giving a rude shock to the people of this country by making an unprecedented hike in the price of diesel yesterday, the Central Government has given yet another blow to the common man. This announcement will only increase the woes of the people and the local traders. I have already opposed FDI in multi brand retail on the ground that it will affect the livelihood of millions of small and petty traders. This is an ill-advised move of the Government of India and I reiterate my opposition to this unfortunate and untimely decision.

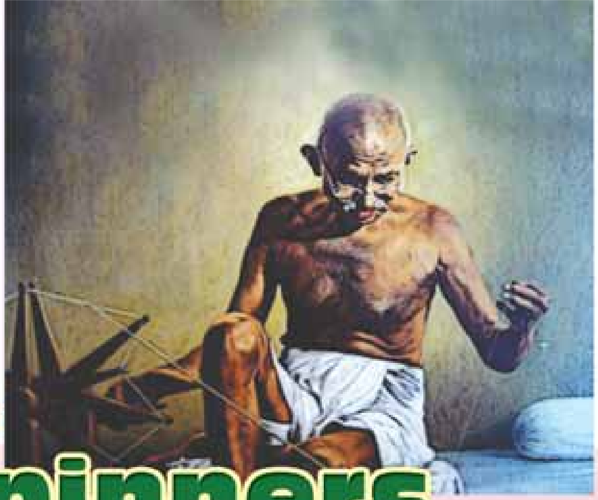
The UPA Government is always in the habit of diverting the attention of the people from the main issues by confusing them with such policies. As I have earlier stated, FDI in retail is neither going to bring down the prices nor will it improve the investment climate. It will only promote the growth of large monsters in the name of MNCs which will destroy the small and marginal traders

and exploit the consumers through their predatory pricing as has already happened in many countries all over the world in the past.

I understand that the States will be allowed to decide whether they want to opt for it or not. I think there is going to be a lot of confusion as well as administrative problems in dealing with this issue which will only fuel uncertainty thereby crippling the growth of our economy further. Therefore, I would like to register my unequivocal opposition to the decision of the Central Government to allow 51% FDI in multi-brand retailing and demand that the Central Government should withdraw its decision immediately. Further, my Government will never allow FDI in retail trade in Tamil Nadu.

Her Excellency Mrs. Jan Henderson, High Commissioner of New Zealand for India called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** at Secretariat, Chennai on 9.10.2012.

20% Incentive for Khadhi spinners and weavers



The motto behind the Khadhi Movement started by Mahatma Gandhi is boycott of foreign clothes and give importance to indigenous Khadhi clothes. The Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been taking several steps to protect the Khadhi manufacturing industry from declension and increase the Khadhi clothes production.

For the prosperity of Khadhi industry and for increasing the sale of Khadhi clothes, the State Government is providing subsidy so that rebate can be offered for Khadhi cotton and polyvasthra varieties. In 2011-2012, the Hon'ble Chief Minister allotted Rs. 12 crores for Khadhi institutions so that a 30 percent rebate could be offered on the sale of Khadhi, Cotton and Polyvasthra clothes and a 20 percent rebate on the sale of Khadhi silk varieties.

The rebate subsidy offered by Government has benefited the consumers more. To enable the spinners and weavers who are Khadhi producers, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the grant of a 20 percent productivity incentive to them from the current year, that is 2012-2013. From this, 5 percent will be disbursed either as an incentive or a bonus to spinners and weavers and the balance 15 percent can be utilised by Khadhi institutions to increase their sales. This will entail an expenditure of Rs. 12 crores a year.

This action of the Government will increase the production of Khadhi clothes and benefit its producers - the spinners and weavers – and the Khadhi institutions. ■

Press statement of
Selvi J Jayalalithaa,
Hon'ble Chief Minister
of Tamil Nadu
on 6.10.2012

INCREASING FDI TO 49 % IN THE INSURANCE SECTOR WILL BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE FUTURE OF THE COMMON PEOPLE

The UPA Government is unfazed by the sufferings of the common people, small traders and small farmers. The UPA's latest FDI flag is diversionary - more to anesthetize the mammoth corruption charges against the UPA Government especially when elections seem imminent.

The Cabinet's approval on these issues, toting these as big ticket reforms which would accelerate unprecedented growth and boost a sagging economy as premature.

Increasing FDI from 26% to 49% in the Insurance Sector and opening up FDI up to 26% in Pension funds will be operational only if the relevant bills viz. Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA) Bill, 2011, and Insurance Law (Amendment) Bill, 2008, are passed by both the Houses of Parliament where the UPA faces a number crunching.

26% FDI in the Insurance Sector was permitted, but nothing appreciable has come out of it. Hiking it to 49% against a Parliamentary Committee recommendation will prove disastrous. As to whether they have the right to jeopardize this crucial sector is a debatable issue. Limiting the capital requirement to Rs.50 Crores for Insurance Companies will result in the mushrooming of small companies lacking experience and capability and will be fraught with danger. This will unnecessarily expose our public to the risk of uncertainty.

Allowing FDI into pension funds and channelling the domestic savings of elderly persons into the highly risky and unpredictable capital market will place the future of senior citizens at tremendous risk.

FDI in the Insurance Sector will lead to the emergence and dominance of Private Insurance Companies whose motives will be totally commercial. Consequently, the Public Sector Insurance Companies like LIC which participate actively in the developmental process will suffer. As a result, the developmental process of the nation itself will be adversely and severely affected.

This move at best is a gimmick and at worst an unworthy risk. The act of disguising harmful decisions and promoting them under the name of grand reforms amounts to deceiving the people of the country. No amount of rhetoric will change the truth. I strongly oppose these moves as they are detrimental to the future of the common people of this country.

A New Media Centre for quick dispatch of Government news

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa inaugurated at the Secretariat on 12.10.2012 a Media Centre, created at an estimate of Rs. 81 lakhs and launched a new website www.tndipr.gov.in for the Information Department. The Media Centre will enable newspersons, photographers and TV journalists to send, then and there, Government news, photos and video clippings to their respective media offices.

At present, the Press Release Section in the Secretariat at Chennai sends Government press releases and photos to all dailies through fax and e-mail. Video pictures are recorded in tapes and sent to all TV stations through messengers. This involves delay and there is difficulty in delivering the dispatches in time to the media.

To avert this totally, the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered the setting up of a media centre at the Secretariat so that all news could be sent to media speedily and immediately and get confirmation of their receipt also.

The Media Centre has the facility of online media exchange and supply chain management solution which will help newspersons to transmit online the news they have gathered and the news and photos given by the Government to their respective offices and the media houses to download video clippings.

As the website in the Media Centre, www.tndipr.gov.in operates with ultra modern server, leased line and secured software, newspersons can download from their respective places, news, photos and video pictures immediately. The dispatch of the news will be intimated to the concerned media offices through SMS.

The Media Centre has an archival utility also. Press releases, photos and video clippings can be stored in a big way and retrieved in no time. News, photos and video clippings released by Government cannot be manipulated by anyone.

A pioneering venture in the Country, the Media Centre and the website www.tndipr.gov.in will enable one to know the Government activities from anywhere in the world.

Government press releases, photos of Government functions, Tamil Arasu

Publication, Tamil Nadu Films Division's video news pool, details about Memorials, phone numbers of Department officials and other information have been uploaded in the website. The website can be accessed by all. The public can instantaneously come to know of Government news, photos released by Government and video shots of Government functions.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also presented new jeeps costing Rs. 40,43,199/- to 7 District Public Relations officers stationed at Tiruppur, Ariyalur, Dindigul, Pudukottai, Ramanathapuram, Villupuram and Krishnagiri and 5 Tempo Traveller Video Vans costing Rs. 34,84,906 to 5 Districts – Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Thoothukudi, Villupuram and Krishnagiri – for dissemination of information pertaining to Government achievements, plan schemes and Welfare assistance to people.

Hon'ble Minister for Information and Special Programmes Implementation, Chief Secretary, Secretary, Tamil Development, Religious Endowments and Information Department, Director of Information and Public Relations and other high Government officials participated. ■

TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT TO MOVE SUPREME COURT FOR RELEASE OF ITS SHARE OF WATER IN THE CAUVERY

At the Cauvery River Water Authority meeting held under the presidentship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 19.9.2012, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa explained in detail the Samba cultivation situation prevailing in the delta districts and requested that Karnataka should release, under the distress sharing formula, atleast 2 TMC of water a day, for 24 days.

Despite this plea, the Hon'ble Prime Minister directed Karnataka to release 9000 cusecs of water, that is 3/4 TMC, from 20.9.2012 to 15.10.2012. Though this decision is not acceptable to Tamil Nadu, Karnataka refused to release even this quantum of water.

In this situation, a review meeting was held on 24.9.2012 at the Secretariat, with the Chief Minister in the chair, regarding filing of a petition in the Supreme Court praying for a direction to Karnataka to release Tamil Nadu's share of water in the Cauvery. Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition & Excise, Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration and Rural Development, Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Chief Secretary, Secretary for Public Works Department, Chairman of Cauvery Technical Committee, Additional Advocate General and other high officials of Government participated. At the end of the meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the immediate filing of the petition in the Supreme Court praying for an order to Karnataka to release Tamil Nadu's share of water in the Cauvery.

LED Lamps for Local Bodies

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has directed Municipalities to take steps to replace tubelights with high powered LED/Solar powered lights, reduce street light power consumption with low watt bulbs and ensure efficient maintenance of street lights through adoption of improved regulatory measures.

The directive has come in the wake of Municipalities great difficulties in meeting the energy and maintenance expenses which are mounting in line with the growing population. This too, at a time when it has become imperative for them to improve people's living standards as per their expectations through establishing infrastructure facilities.

Hon'ble Chief Minister has further directed that steps like periodical quantification of the benefits that accrue through the adoption of these measures and auditing them by a third party agency, be also undertaken.

A pilot project will be launched to replace the tubelights with the powerful LED electrical lamps in 9 Municipal Corporations and 35 Municipalities and 101 Town Panchayats in Tiruppur and Thanjavur zones in 2012-2013. For this, a 9 member technical committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Engineer of the Municipal Administrative Commissionerate and a 7 member high level official committee under the chairmanship of Municipal Administration Commissioner will be set up for the Municipal areas. As for the Town Panchayats, the 9 member technical committee will be headed by the Administrative Engineer in the Directorate of Town Panchayats and the 6 member high level official committee will be headed by the Director of Town Panchayats. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the project be implemented with Public-Private partnership and by introducing public auctioning records.

Taking into account that it is highly necessary to have new buildings with all infrastructure facilities for creating a healthy atmosphere for the staff and in the interest of the public, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that new buildings be constructed for the Municipal Corporations and Municipality offices that lacks infrastructure facilities.

In that way, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the release of Government grant of Rs. 26 crores as subsidy for constructing new buildings for the Salem Municipal Corporation and for 10 Municipalities viz., Hosur, Maraimalainagar, Kodaikanal, Sankarankovil,Thiruchengode, Ranipet, Theni-Allinagaram, Dharmapuri, Thuraiyur, and Paramakudi at a cost of Rs. 37 crores.

These decisions of the Government will enhance the workings of the Municipalities. ■

Stipend of Rs. 500/- for Government ITI Students

As industrial and intellectual skills are reckoned as important factors in shaping the economic growth and social development of a country and as the demand for skilled labour is growing day by day, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been taking steps to encourage training programmes to instill and develop skills in the youth.

There are 62 Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) in Tamil Nadu. These institutions train students in 39 engineering and 17 non-engineering streams. A majority of the students in these institutes are economically backward. Assistance is extended to them on the basis of their caste and the annual income of their parents.

Accordingly, De-notified community students are given stipend of Rs. 140/-, Adidravidar students Rs. 150/- and Tribes and repatriate students from Burma/ Sri Lanka/Vietnam Rs. 175/- and Rs. 100/- taking the annual income ceiling of parents at Rs. 50,000/-.

Since the stipend is not adequate, most of the students, on account of their family conditions, go for jobs without joining these institutes.

To encourage more students to join the ITI's and taking into account the economic conditions of the students, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that the stipend be raised to Rs. 500/- uniformly from the academic year 2012-2013 without any income/caste discrimination. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered an additional allotment of Rs. 12.94 crores towards this.

Also the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the distribution of laptops at no cost to students getting training in Information Technology in the 5 streams of Computer Operator and Programming Assistant, Desktop Publishing Operator, Mechanic Computer Hardware, Information Technology and Electronic System Maintenance and IT (COE) so as to develop their computer skills and help them know the latest advancements made in the field of computer technology. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 3,47,60,000/- for this programme. In the current financial year 3,476 students will benefit.

These acts of the Government taken for the welfare of the ITI students will help greater involvement of students in the various streams of study in these institutions and development of a skilled labour force in future. ■

Awards and Cash Prizes to Women Self Help Groups

In tune with Bharathidasan's sentiment "Women, no inferior to men, here", women today are working on par with men in all fields. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa got economic independence to women by forming Women Self Help Groups that enabled them to stand on their own feet.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's desire is that all women in the Self Help Groups should have education. To achieve this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has instituted an award and a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 each to 30 Panchayat federations of Self Help Groups that have achieved 100 percent literacy rate among the members of the Self Help Groups.

Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered the presentation of a certificate of appreciation and a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh each to 5 Self Help Groups which have put in the best social service.

The institution of the awards is by way of recognising their social services, such as creating awareness among the people on public welfare, agriculture, and social welfare, taking the Government plans and projects to people and fighting against the social evils like girl child infanticide, dowry, child marriage, illicit liquor and denial of education to women.

These acts of Government will encourage social activities of the members of the Self Help Groups and help establish an egalitarian society.

TAMIL NADU TO FILE PETITION IN SUPREME COURT TO TAKE UP THE KATCHATHEEVU ISSUE

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister
Selvi J Jayalalithaa
on 15.9.2012
(English Translation)

Due to the ceding of Katchatheevu to Sri Lanka by India in 1974 during the DMK rule headed by Thiru M. Karunanidhi, the avocation of fishermen in the Rameswaram area continues to be affected and the Sri Lankan Navy's attack on Tamil Nadu fishermen also continues.

To find a permanent solution to this issue, I filed a petition in the Supreme Court in 2008 in my capacity as General Secretary of A.I.A.D.M.K praying the ceding agreements between the two countries were illegal, and cited the Supreme Court's judgment in the West Bengal Berubari case, in this regard.

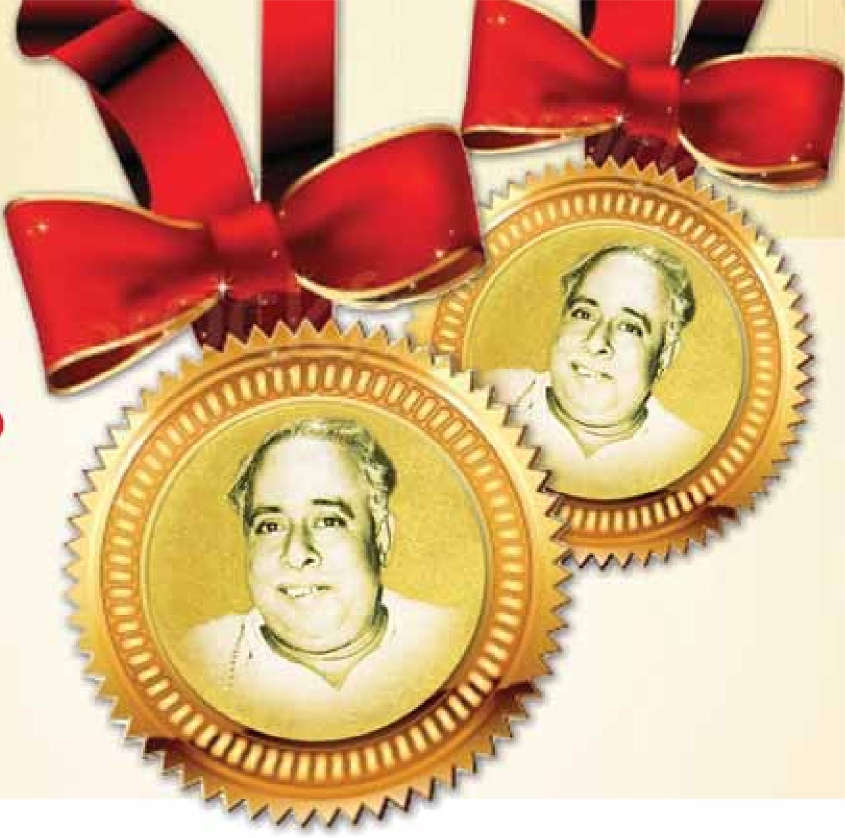
After assuming office in 2011, I took steps to get a resolution passed in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly for the Revenue Department that has in its possession all the records regarding Katchatheevu, to get itself impleaded as a party in the case through filing a petition in the Supreme Court. Following the passing of the resolution, the Revenue Department of the Tamil Nadu Government impleaded itself as a party in the case.

In my petition, I had pointed out the Supreme Court's judgment in the Berubari case in 1960 where the Court had said that an agreement ceding a part of the Indian territory to a foreign country could be executed only through a constitutional amendment with the concurrence of the two Houses of Parliament. In total contravention of this judgment and without getting the concurrences of the two Houses of Parliament the ceding of Katchatheevu through agreements between India and Sri Lanka signed in 1974 and 1976, I had argued in my petition, was not allowable.

When the Sri Lankan Navy's attack on Tamil Nadu fishermen has not abated even in the present times, I convened a meeting on 14.9.2012 under my chairmanship to discuss the issue. Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary, Home Department, Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries Department, Advocate General and additional Advocate General participated.

The meeting decided to file a petition on behalf of Tamil Nadu Government praying the Supreme Court to immediately take up on its files the petition that has averred that the agreements ceding Katchatheevu to Sri Lanka are impermissible. Accordingly, I would like to state that a petition will be filed in the Supreme Court on behalf of Tamil Nadu Government. ■

ORDERS TO AWARD TAMIL NADU CHIEF MINISTER'S ANNA MEDALS



In recognition of the excellent work performed and with a view to applaud the commitment and dedication to work, displayed by the Police, Fire & Rescue Services, Prison Service, Home Guards and Finger Print Bureau personnel the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Medals are awarded on the occasion of Perarignar Anna's Birthday on 15th September, every year.

This year, 100 Police personnel ranging from the level of Additional Superintendent of Police to the rank of Constables, 10 Fire and Rescue Services personnel from the rank of Divisional Officer to Fireman, 10 Prison Service personnel from the rank of Deputy Jailor to Grade I Warder, 5 Home Guards personnel and two Deputy Superintendents of Police in the Tamil Nadu Finger Print Bureau, thus totaling 127 have been awarded the " Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Anna Medals" in recognition of their outstanding devotion to duty by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The recipients of the above Medals will also receive a lump sum grant as per the Medal Rules ranging from Rs.4,000/- to Rs.10,000/-

All members of a Fire & Rescue Services Unit consisting of a Divisional Fire Officer, a Leading Fireman and 3 Firemen have been awarded the "Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Gallantry Medal" in recognition of their gallant act of rescuing 18 people from marooned houses at Venkatachalapuram in Thoothukudi district. They will henceforth receive a monthly medal allowance of Rs.500/- for the whole of their lives.

The Medals will be presented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to the recipients in a Ceremonial Medal Parade to be held in due course. ■

New plan schemes and new tours to attract tourists

In connection with the observance of the World Tourism Day on 27.9.2012, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa declared open through Video Conferencing at the Secretariat, a newly set up Environmental Park at Thirupparankundram in Madurai District. The Tourism Department has created the park at a cost of Rs.3,87,63,000/-. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also declared open several tourist facilities implemented at a cost of Rs.6,82,44,000/-.

Tamil Nadu ranks second in attracting foreign tourists and third in inland tourism. The Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister has been working towards making Tamil Nadu, the premier state in tourism by executing several schemes to attract the foreign and inland tourists.

The Environmental Park at Thirupparankundram has several facilities like an open-air theatre, Information centre, resting cottages, a game park for children, decorated arch, benches, canteen, dancing fountain, ornamental electrical lamps, toilets and parking space.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also declared open tourist rest rooms constructed at a cost of Rs.72.78 lakhs for the convenience of the tourist at Ellis Nagar. Also a flower garden named after Perialwar at Azhagarkovil (Rs.43 lakhs) (both in Madurai District), Danish Governor's bungalow at Tharangambadi in Nagapattinam District renovated at a cost of Rs.87.12 lakhs, a tourism information centre at Gudalur in the Nilgiris District (Rs.10 lakhs), a cloak room and a resting hall near the Sripuram Golden Temple at Vellore District (Rs.97 lakhs), an art and culture complex at Kottaikaval village in Kancheepuram District (Rs.92.92 lakhs), a rest-room, a museum, reception room, a yoga and meditation mandapam at Arulmigu Rathnagireeswarar

temple on Ayyar hill in Karur District (Rs.50 lakhs), a vehicle parking lot at the Hogenakkal bus stand in Dharmapuri District (Rs. 1,83,12,000/-), and a bank, toilets, seating facilities and an approach road at Kodiveri dam site in Erode District (Rs.46.50 lakhs).

The Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over 14 jeeps costing Rs.98 lakhs to tourism officials for their office use for execution of tourism projects expeditiously and by way of strengthening the infrastructure for the Tourism Department.

For the protection of tourists visiting Tamil Nadu, a 'Tourism Security Unit' has been set up at Udhagamandalam, Kodaikanal, Rameswaram, Kanniyakumari and Mamallapuram. For the custodians of the unit at these centres, the Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over 5 motor cycles costing Rs.3.74 lakhs.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also handed over, at this function, appointment orders issued on compassionate grounds to heirs of 9 workers who died while in service in the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also inaugurated 4 package tours to be operated by the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation. These are: temples of Nagarathaars, temples of Thirukadaiyur, temples of Srirangam and Thiruchirapalli and the sacred places of Freedom Fighters.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also inaugurated a pioneering scheme of making advance online reservation through the website www.ttdconline.com/mobile from any part of the world through mobile phone as a further facility to those coming to hotels run by the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation and for other tours. Confirmation of reservation will be sent online to the E-mail address of the tourists and through SMS to their mobile phone numbers. ■

NEW BUILDING FOR TNPSC AT A COST OF Rs.19.86 CRORES

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa declared open the Rs. 19.86 crores new building for the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission at the Fraser Bridge Road, VOC Nagar, Chennai on 27.9.2012.

The TNPSC has been conducting examinations and selecting efficient personnel for the various jobs in Government. Its office is now temporarily located at the Commercial Taxes Department's Annexe building at Greams Road.

The Government has permitted the construction of the new building for TNPSC at Fraser Bridge Road, VOC Nagar on account of its proximity to the Central Railway Station and the Parrys Corner Bus Terminus which will help applicants from the various parts of the State to have easy access, to it.

The 6-storeyed building has come up on a 1,25,000 sq.ft plot and has all modern facilities like light and sound facility, video conferencing, two conference halls – a large and a small one, on-line examination hall interview rooms, information and grievances redressal centre, and evaluation rooms with all security arrangements. The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open the building by lighting a 'Kuthuvilakku'.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also visited the conference and examination halls located at the 6th floor of the building and viewed the photo exhibition organised there. ■

DROP THE SERVICE TAX ON GOODS SENT THROUGH RAILWAYS

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister
Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 30.9.2012 *(English Translation)*

The Central Government, functioning under the "guidance" of the DMK President Thiru. M. Karunanidhi has pushed the people into inconsolable distress by levying a 12 percent Service Tax on goods sent through the Railways from 1.10.2012. Coming as it does in the wake of hike in petrol and diesel prices, restriction in the supply of LPG gas cylinders and Foreign Direct Investment in retail trade, the 12 percent Service Tax is like stoking the fire with further fuel.

In its statement dated 27.9.2012, the Railway Ministry has announced that a Service Tax of 12 percent will be levied on the freight rate 30 percent and 2 percent education cess and one percent higher education cess will also be collected on the Service Tax.

The Service Tax and cess have also been levied on the passenger fares collected for the travel by higher classes. The Railways have said that the levy is applicable to those travelling at concessional fares like senior citizens, children and differently abled persons. The Service Tax will not be refunded when advanced reservation bookings are cancelled.

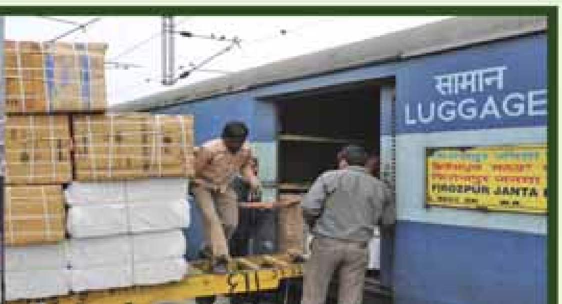
It is learnt that the Service Tax is also levied on parking fees collected at the railway premises and on the food articles sold in the railway stations.

The levy has the dangerous potential of escalating the prices of all articles. Inflation is also likely to shoot up.

Though the Railway Budget for the current year had proposed the levy of Service Tax, it had been kept in abeyance for the last six months on account of the pressure exerted by one important coalition partner of the Central Government. As that party has now left the United Progressive Alliance and on the confidence that other partners of the coalition will not oppose the move, the Central Government has now ordered the implementation of the levy of Service Tax from 1.10.2012. This order has rendered a great injustice to the poor, down trodden and middle class people.

At a time when the general public and economists are demanding that prices should be controlled and production should be increased, the Central Government has taken this totally contra-action.

Even while strongly condemning the anti-people actions of the Central Government like the present one, I strongly urge the Union Government to drop the levy of this Service Tax immediately. ■



Acceptable financial assistance to the families of the deceased advocates

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 14.9.2012 (English Translation)

By sending letters through the DMK organising Secretary Thiru. T.K.S. Elangovan to the President of India, Governor of Tamil Nadu, Chief Justice of India and Chief Justice of the Madras High Court stating that the welfare fund for advocates was raised to Rs. 5 lakhs even during the term of his rule itself, the DMK President Thiru. M. Karunanidhi, "an epitome of falsehood", has tried to hide what cannot be hidden and has exhibited his anguish through frustrations.

That letter mentions that I have made a false declaration in the presence of the President of India, Governor of Tamil Nadu, Judges of the Supreme Court and Judges of the High Court. At the outset I would like to clarify that, this is totally false. Though the advocates know the true State of affairs, I consider it as my duty to enlighten the people of Tamil Nadu on this.

At the function of unveiling the statue of Dr. Ambedkar at the Madras High Court campus on 25.4.2010, the then Chief Minister of the minority DMK Government Thiru. Karunanidhi stated that he was going to fulfill the request of the President of the Madras High Court Bar Association to raise the welfare fund for advocates to Rs. 5 lakhs from Rs. 2 lakhs and that as the Legislative Assembly was in session he would refrain from expressing his views and issue a statement at an appropriate time. He issued an order on 24.2.2011, at the tether end of his term and by way of duping even the law knowing fraternity. The order stipulated disbursement of assistance to the families of the deceased advocates ranging from Rs. 3 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs according to the number of years the advocate had put in as a member of the Welfare Fund. As there was no mention in the order about the allocation of funds, it appears the order was meant to

be merely on paper and not for execution. A press note was also issued on 25.2.2011 in this connection.

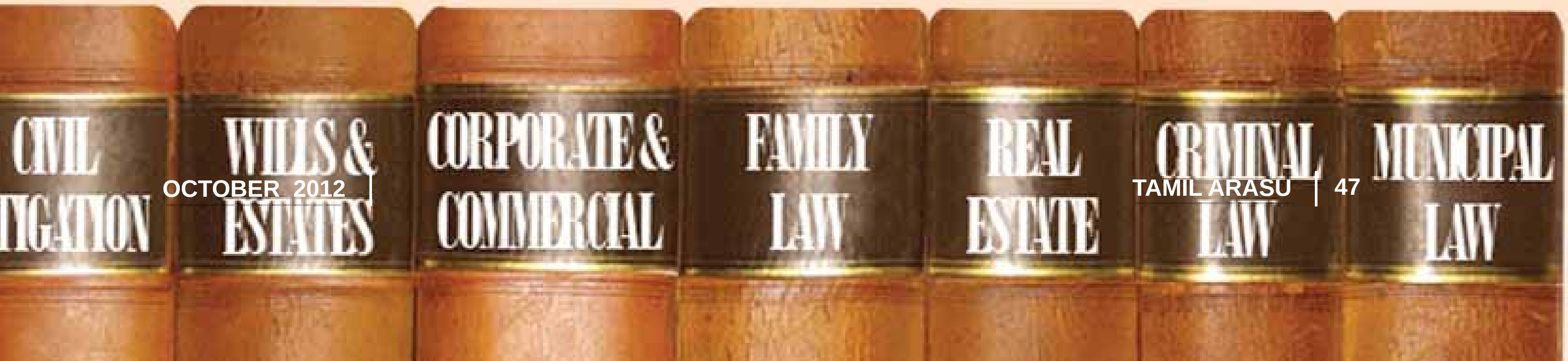
The above said order fixed the assistance in a graded scale. Those who had registered themselves with the fund and died within 15 years, the families of such deceased advocates would be given an assistance of Rs. 3 lakhs each; a membership between 15 and 20 years, Rs. 3.50 lakhs; membership between 20 and 25 years, Rs. 4 lakhs; membership between 25 and 30 years, Rs. 4.50 lakhs and above 30 years, Rs. 5 lakhs. If this order issued by the previous minority DMK Government has to be implemented the Tamil Nadu Advocates Welfare Fund Act of 1987 should be amended suitably. Only then this order can become eligible for execution.

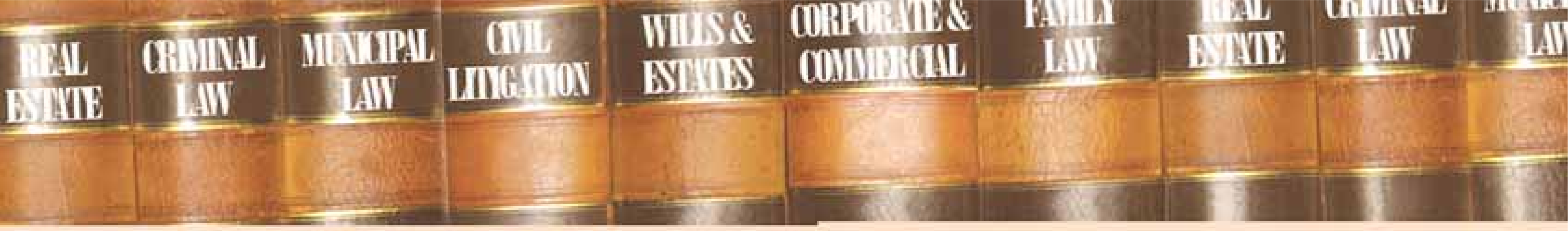
But, after the publication of this order the Thanjavur and Coimbatore Bar Associations, through their resolutions sent to Government, demanded the withdrawal of the order as there was no benefit accruing to advocates/ families from it. Above all, the Tamil Nadu Bar Council also urged the Tamil Nadu Government on 16.8.2011 to withdraw the order. In short, the previous minority DMK Government headed by Thiru. M. Karunanidhi had issued an order that was

a damp squib and not acceptable to any of the advocates.

Even if the order published by the previous minority DMK Government, was implemented after amending the statute, the blatant fact is that the benefit assistance of Rs. 5 lakhs will become available to the families of those advocates who die after April 2021, as advocates have registered themselves in the fund scheme only after April, 1991. This order has not benefited any advocate. Can the DMK President Thiru. M. Karunanidhi point out who were benefited by the order issued during his rule?

After removing totally the defects, confusion and duplicity contained in the order issued by the previous minority DMK Government,





I announced at the Madras High Court's 150th anniversary Valedictory function celebrations that a financial assistance of Rs. 5.25 lakhs would be given to the families of advocates who have died, without taking into account the date on which the deceased advocates had registered themselves, in the Benefit Fund and that a grant of Rs. 4 crores would be given to the Tamil Nadu Advocates Welfare Fund every year for the implementation of the scheme. There is absolutely no falsity in my announcement raising the amount of Rs. 2 lakhs presently disbursed from the Tamil Nadu Advocates' Benefit Fund to Rs. 5.25 lakhs.

Unable to tolerate the overwhelming response my statement received from all advocates and out of jealousy and political malice Thiru. Karunanidhi has given totally false information through the DMK's organising Secretary to the President of India, Tamil Nadu Governor, Chief Justice of India and Chief Justice of Madras High Court. This means, not content with duping the advocates, Thiru. Karunanidhi has been trying to dupe the Judges of the Madras High Court and the Supreme Court, Tamil Nadu Governor and the President of India through Thiru Elangovan.

Besides recording my strong condemnation to this act of Thiru. Karunanidhi, I demand the letter sent by Thiru. Elangovan that cast a slur on me be withdrawn immediately. •

121st Birth Anniversary of former Mayor Sivaraj

Hon'ble Ministers, the Worshipful Mayor of Chennai and high officials paid floral tributes to the portrait of Thiru. Sivaraj, the former Mayor of Chennai, kept near his statue at Chennai to mark his 121st birth anniversary on 29.9.2012.

FINANCIAL SANCTION FOR COMMON FACILITY CENTRE FOR PRINTING INDUSTRIES CLUSTER AT SIVAKASI

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been taking great interest in the development of Micro and Small Industries that play an important role in the growth of the Country's economy and act as a spring board for improving the capabilities of industrial entrepreneurs.

Under the Micro, Small Industrial Institutions Cluster development scheme, which is implemented with Central Government's participation to promote the production and competitiveness in these institutions, several schemes are being implemented.

In that way, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has already ordered the release of Rs. 1,65,53,000/- as the first instalment of the State Government's share for setting up common facility Centres for two engineering clusters and one cluster for rice mills. The amount released for the Centre for engineering cluster at Hosur in Krishnagiri district was Rs. 49.53 lakhs, that for the engineering cluster at Ranipet in Vellore district was Rs. 68 lakhs and that for the rice mill at Keezhpavur in Thirunelveli district was Rs. 48 lakhs.

Following this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has released Rs. 63.46 lakhs, 70 percent of the State Government's share of Rs. 90.66 lakhs for setting up a common facility centre for the printing industrial cluster at Sivakasi in Virudhunagar district that has been approved by the Central Government on an estimated cost of Rs. 10.96 crores.

These acts of the State Government will promote the growth of Micro and Small industries in a great measure in Tamil Nadu. ■

Enhanced procurement price for paddy

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister
Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 28.9.2012 *(English Translation)*

Whenever the Central Government announces the floor price for paddy and sugarcane, my Government has been offering a higher floor price to encourage the farmers.

For the khariff period from 1.10.2012 to 30.9.2013, the Central Government has fixed the procurement price at Rs. 1,250/- per quintal for ordinary variety of paddy and at Rs. 1,280/- for the fine variety of paddy.

By way of protecting the interests of farmers, I am happy to announce, that the Tamil Nadu Government will offer Rs. 50/- more per quintal for the ordinary variety of paddy offered for procurement and Rs. 70/- more per quintal to the fine variety of paddy. That is, the ordinary variety of paddy will be procured at a price of Rs. 1,300/- per quintal and the fine variety at Rs. 1,350/- per quintal.

I have also directed the respective District Collectors to permit the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation to open Direct Purchase Centres as per the need in the Cauvery irrigated areas where paddy production is more. In non-Cauvery irrigated areas, permission may be granted to Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation to open Direct Purchase Centres through the Co-operative Marketing Societies and through Co-operative Credit Societies.

These activities of my Government will encourage and enthuse farmers. ■

7% DA rise to Government Employees and Teachers

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister
Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 5.10.2012
(English Translation)

"Government is for the people" is the motto of my Government and it is no exaggeration that Government employees and Teachers play an important role in executing the Government's plans and schemes. My Government has been extending several concessions to Government employees and Teachers, as they are the backbone of the Government machinery.

The Central Government has raised the Dearness Allowance of its employees by 7 percent of their basic and Grade Pay from 1.7.2012. I am happy to announce that I have effected the same increase to the State Government Employees and Teachers from July 1, 2012. I have likewise increased the Dearness Allowance of Pensioners and Family Pensioners by 7 percent from 1.7.2012. This 7 percent increase in DA will be calculated from 1.7.2012 and disbursed in cash.

This DA increase is applicable to employees of Local Bodies, Aided Educational Institutions, Teachers, Village helpers of Revenue Department, Anganwadi and Nutritious Meal Centre workers, Local Body Assistants, Clerks and others who receive DA. About 18 lakh Government employees, Teachers, Pensioners and Family Pensioners will benefit from the increased DA. The DA rise will cost the Government Rs. 1443.52 crores additionally every year.

I firmly believe the DA rise will enthuse the Government employees to involve themselves in the service of the people with greater vigour. ■

NEWS IN PICTURES

His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu **Dr. K. Rosaiah** administered the oath of office to Thiru. P. Mohan as the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** at Raj Bhavan, Chennai on 6.10.2012.

Thiru Joe Hinrichs, President, Ford, Asia-Pacific and Africa along with Thiru. Michael Boneham, President and Managing Director of Ford India and Thiru. Johinder Singh, Executive Director, Ford Business Services called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** at Secretariat, Chennai on 24.9.2012.

Corpus Fund for Traders Welfare Board increased from Rs. 2 crores to Rs. 5 crores

The Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board is playing an important role in getting the traders several welfare assistance and in protecting the interests of the trading community that plays a pivotal role in the Country's economic growth.

The Board has been implementing several welfare schemes to the traders and their families like family assistance, medical and educational assistance and relief assistance in the event of fire accidents.

The State Government has given Rs. 2 crores as its share towards the Corpus Fund for executing these welfare schemes and towards the Board's administrative expenses. This fund is kept as a fixed deposit with the Reserve Bank of India. The interest fetched by this fixed deposit is the main source of revenue for the Board. The other sources of revenue are the membership fee of Rs. 500/- collected from traders at the time of admission and a matching grant from the Government. From this fund, the Traders Welfare Board is implementing the welfare schemes.

By way of a membership-drive, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has already ordered that the Annual subscription of Rs. 100/- for renewal of membership be dispensed with and that the payment of Rs. 500/- made at the time of enrolling be converted into a life-term fee.

Since small traders who have not registered under the Value Added Tax Act - 2006 and who do not attract Professional Tax, have been facilitated to become members of the Board on the basis of their licence issued by the local bodies, the enrolment of members is increasing. Consequently the commitments on welfare assistance are also mounting. Taking this into account, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that the Corpus Fund be increased to Rs. 5 crores from Rs. 2 crores.

This will pave the way for easy availability of welfare assistance to members of the Traders Welfare Board. ■

Rs.1,294 crores in the current year to the revenue loss of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 16.9.2012 (*English Translation*)

While implementing several schemes for Tamil Nadu's economic growth my Government is taking all steps to improve the efficiency of the public sector institutions which have been established to protect Public interest and ensure quality service to people at a reasonable price. In that way my Government has been taking the needed measures for monitoring the activities of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, for the speedy implementation of power projects and generation of power through them.

In the previous minority DMK's rule, a deficit of more than Rs.8,000 crores occured every year on an average. As a result, the accumulated loss at the beginning of this financial year remained at Rs.54,500 crores and loan liability from banks and other financial institutions stood at Rs. 46,500 crores. Besides, the outstanding loan with power generation companies and other contractors was to the tune of Rs.11,000 crores. When my Government took up the reins of administration the Electricity Board was thus in a debt trap that is, it had to borrow to repay

its loans and the interest thereon. To rescue the Electricity Board from this difficult situation, my government gave to the Board in the Financial year 2011-2012, Rs. 7,913.45 crores by way of an unprecedented grant, share capital and ways and means advance. In the current year 2012-2013, my Government has given Rs. 3,020 crores as grant and Rs.1,500 crores as share capital to new power projects.

I chaired a review meeting held on 14.9.2012 to discuss the financial position of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. Hon'ble Finance Minister, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise, Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration and Rural Development, Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Principal Secretary, Energy Department, Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and other high officials participated. Following decisions were taken at the meeting for streamlining the finances of the Electricity Board.

1. In continuation to the release, so far, of Rs. 3,020.25 crores as grant in 2012-2013, I have ordered the release of another Rs.1,000 crores as advance to meet the immediate needs of the Electricity Board.

2. The Tamil Nadu Government will provide loan guarantee to the Central Government institutions of Power Finance Corporation and Rural Electrification on behalf of the Electricity Board to enable it to get a loan of Rs.5,000/- crores from each of these institutions.

3. As per the outcome of the discussions held by the officials of the power and Finance Department of the Central Government with Financial Institutions and the "Chathurvedi Committee's" report on the Financial Restructuring Plan of Electricity Boards, I have directed the Tamil Nadu Government to take on itself 50 percent of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board's burden of short and medium term loans, covering to Rs.9,529 crores.

4. I have also ordered that the Government bear on itself 30 percent of the Electricity Board's revenue loss in the Current Year, that is Rs.1,294 crores.

These actions of the Tamil Nadu Government will pave way for streamlining the finance position of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. ■

Rs. 14.25 crores to rejuvenate Small, Micro and Medium Industries affected by "Thane" cyclone

The definition of a good Government is one that provides a transparent, efficient and a responsible administration. In that way, the Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa, even while attending to relief works whenever people are affected by natural calamities, has been implementing long-term rehabilitation measures with great interest and involvement.

Many lost their houses in the 'Thane' cyclone that hit the districts of Cuddalore and Villupuram in December 2011. There was crop loss and people's livelihood became a question mark. In these circumstances the Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister quickly moved in, and extended manifold relief assistance in a short time and brought their lives back to normality.

A slew of relief measures worth several crores of rupees was given to the farmers who had lost their crops. The Hon'ble Chief Minister had already passed orders allotting Rs. 1,000 crores for the construction of one lakh houses for the people who had lost their houses.

Small, Micro and Medium industries in the districts of Cuddalore and Villupuram were greatly affected in the impact of 'Thane' cyclone. To rejuvenate and re-activate these industries, numbering 2057, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 14,25,47,000/- viz Rs. 12,92,51,000 for 2004 industries in Cuddalore District and Rs. 1,32,96,000/- for 53 industries in Villupuram District.

By these act of Government, Small, Micro and Medium industries will resume their production and contribute for the industrial growth. ■

English Communication skills to 6550 BC/MBC/De-notified/ Minority students

The Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has, as its principle and aim the banishment of illiteracy from the state altogether. It has been taking several steps for the students of Backward, Most Backward, De-notified and Minority Communities to get employment opportunities easily by completing their education without dropping out of the academic stream.

As one such measure, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has sought to improve the communication skills of the students of these communities in English language and has directed that 6,550 students staying in the 160 BC, MBC, De-notified and Minorities hostels of the College, and Industrial Training Institutes be trained in the language skills at a cost of Rs. 1.83 crores, at the rate of Rs. 2,800/- per student.

As has been done in the case of rank holders belonging to BC/MBC/ De-notified Communities, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the prize money for rank holders in the Minority Communities also be increased. Accordingly the prize money for the first 3 rank holders in the 10th standard examination will be increased to Rs. 3,000/-, Rs. 2,000/- and Rs. 1,000/- from Rs. 1,500/-, Rs. 1000/- and Rs. 500/- respectively and for the rank holders in the 12th standard examination to Rs. 6,000/-, Rs. 4,000/- and Rs. 2,000/- from Rs. 3,000/-, Rs. 2,000/- and Rs. 1,000/- respectively.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered that the matching grant given by Government to the donation collected by the Muslim Women Association be doubled to 1:2 proportion and the existing grant be increased to Rs. 20 lakhs from Rs. 10 lakhs. The donations are collected to improve the livelihood of destitute Muslims through self-employment and distribution of free sewing machines, grinders, medical assistance and assistance to widows and old people in the community.

The doubling of the grants would come into effect from 1.4.2012. An additional allotment of Rs. 3.20 crores has been made for this.

Moreover 4204 steel double-decker cots will be provided in the 103 BC/MBC/De-notified/ Minorities hostels (including the 5 under construction) to benefit 8365 students and 50 wooden double-decker cots for the 2 BC hostels located in hill areas to benefit 100 students. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs. 3,71,57,620/- for this.

These action of the Government will further enthuse the students of these Communities to pursue their education. ■

FINANCIAL ALLOCATION OF RS.1 CRORE TO FEED EMU HENS DESERTED BY FARM OWNERS

Some Emu Farm Institutions collected by way of deposits lakhs of rupees from the people in the districts of Erode and Coimbatore for the last few years, telling them that investment in Emu farms will get them high returns. Emu hens will be given to the investors according to the level of their investments and they have to rear the birds in their own farms. For rearing the binds a fixed amount will be given to them each month. After the specified period the deposits will be returned. For those who have no adequate space to rear the chicks, the Farm institutions themselves will rear the birds and a fixed amount will be given to the investors every month. After the specified period the deposits will be returned to the investors. In this way, the scheme has been implemented.

As several Emu Farm Institutions failed to honour their monthly commitments to the investors, they demanded their deposits be returned. In this connection, the police have received complaints against some of these Institutions. The Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has already ordered that actions be taken on these petitions immediately. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also directed that steps be taken to attach the properties of the failed Farm Institutions and return to the depositors their due amounts.

As the Farm owners had absconded and as the Farm employees had deserted the farms, the Emu hens were about to die without food. The Hon'ble Chief Minister had directed the Animal Husbandry Department to maintain the hens.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs. 1 crore to the Animal Husbandry Department towards the feeding of the Emu hens. ■

A CONTEMPT OF COURT PETITION AGAINST KARNATAKA TO BE FILED IN SUPREME COURT

Due to Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa's perseverance and firm action that Tamil Nadu should get its due share in the Cauvery waters, the Supreme Court ordered Karnataka on 28.9.2012, to release, as per the direction of the Cauvery River Authority, 9000 cusecs of water per day to Tamil Nadu from 20.9.2012 to 15.10.2012. Following the Supreme Court's order, Karnataka started releasing the water from 29.9.2012 but stopped it unilaterally from 8.10.2012.

In this situation, a detailed review meeting regarding the Cauvery water issue, was held at the Secretariat on 9.10.2012 under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Chief Secretary to Government, Public Works Department Secretary and other high Government officials participated.

At the end of the meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister directed that a contempt of Court petition be filed immediately in the Supreme Court against Karnataka, which by unilaterally stopping the release of water to Tamil Nadu and thus refusing to give the State its due share, has harmed the Indian federal polity and slighted the Supreme Court order. Following the Hon'ble Chief Minister's directive, a contempt of Court petition will be filed immediately in the Supreme Court against Karnataka. ■

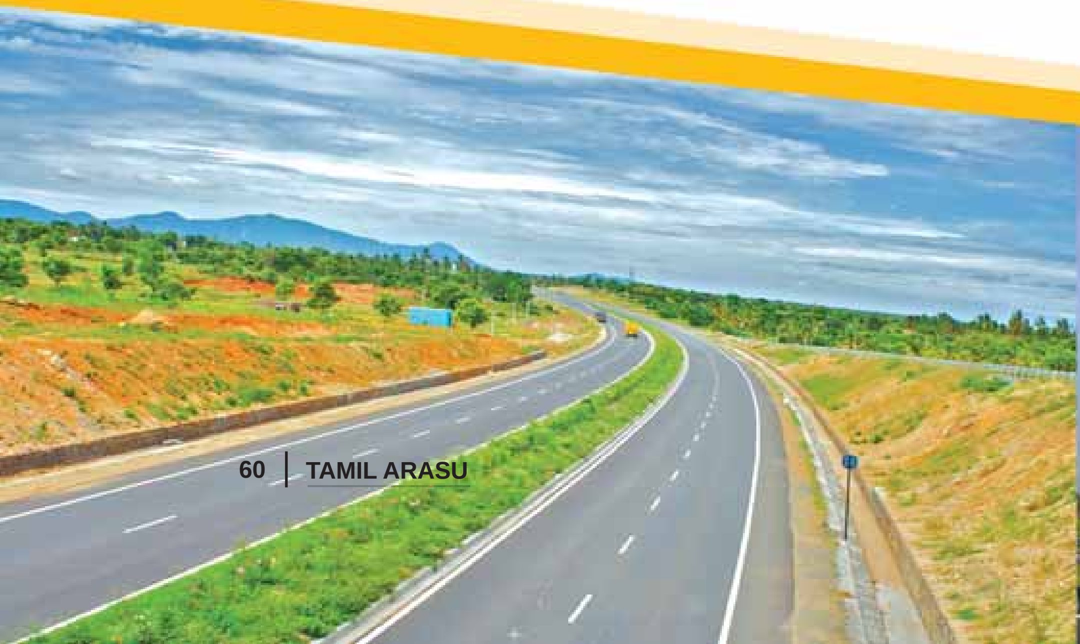
Allocation of Rs. 2,262.50 crores for Road Infrastructure works in Tamil Nadu

Among the several infrastructure needed for a State's economic growth, road infrastructure plays a vital role. The development of road infrastructure forms the basis for the speedy growth of important sectors like industry and transport. Interlinking of roads is one of the important factors in the improvement of the standard of living of the rural people. A State's growth can be gauged only through its integrated road infrastructure. The Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been executing several schemes for improving and strengthening the present road infrastructure of the State.

In that way Rs. 3,793 crores was allotted last year for laying new roads and new railway overbridges and for the maintenance of the existing roads and bridges.

For the current year, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has already directed the construction of flyovers, bridges, subways and skywalks at a cost of Rs. 340.68 crores in Chennai and its suburbs and in other districts.

Further, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted in the current year, Rs. 2,262.50 crores under the Integrated Road Infrastructure Development Scheme, for road infrastructure works in the State.



Of this, Rs.903.80 crores have been allotted for 397 works like widening of 248 km long intermediate lane state highway roads into doublelane roads, improving the quality and capacity of 895 km long roads, land acquisition, renovating 27 bridges and culverts. Rs. 818.72 crores have been allotted for 433 works that includes widening of 895 km long singlelane major district roads into intermediate lanes, improving the quality and capacity of 531 km long important district roads, and 22 bridge and culvert works. Rs. 224.02 crores for 367 works that includes strengthening of 1,639 km long other district roads, repairing 36 bridges and culverts. Rs. 315.95 crores have been allotted for 483 works that include laying of roads and construction of bridges in villages that have more than 40 percent of Adidravidar population.

These works include raising the main roads of Chennai city to global standards, beautification of the flyovers at Chennai Airport, Koyembedu and Kathipara with greeneries and the beautification of the subways near the Anna statue, Shanthi Theatre and at Thousand Lights in Anna Salai.

These actions of the Government will not only improve the roads, but will pave way for smooth flow of traffic and reduction in travel time. ■

NEWS IN PICTURES

The Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** handed over appointment orders issued on compassionate grounds to the heirs of employees of Municipalities and Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board who had died while in service, at Secretariat, Chennai on 9.10.2012.

The chairman of the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, Thiru Selvam along with the administrators called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** at Secretariat in Chennai on 21.9.2012 and thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister for increasing the financial assistance under the Tamil Nadu Advocates' Welfare Fund from Rs.2 lakhs to Rs.5.25 lakhs.

NEWS IN PICTURES

The Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** handed over a cheque for Rs.1,25,096 from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to Thiru R. Murali, a differently abled person from Srirangam, Tiruchirapalli district, for a prosthetic leg on 2.10.2012.

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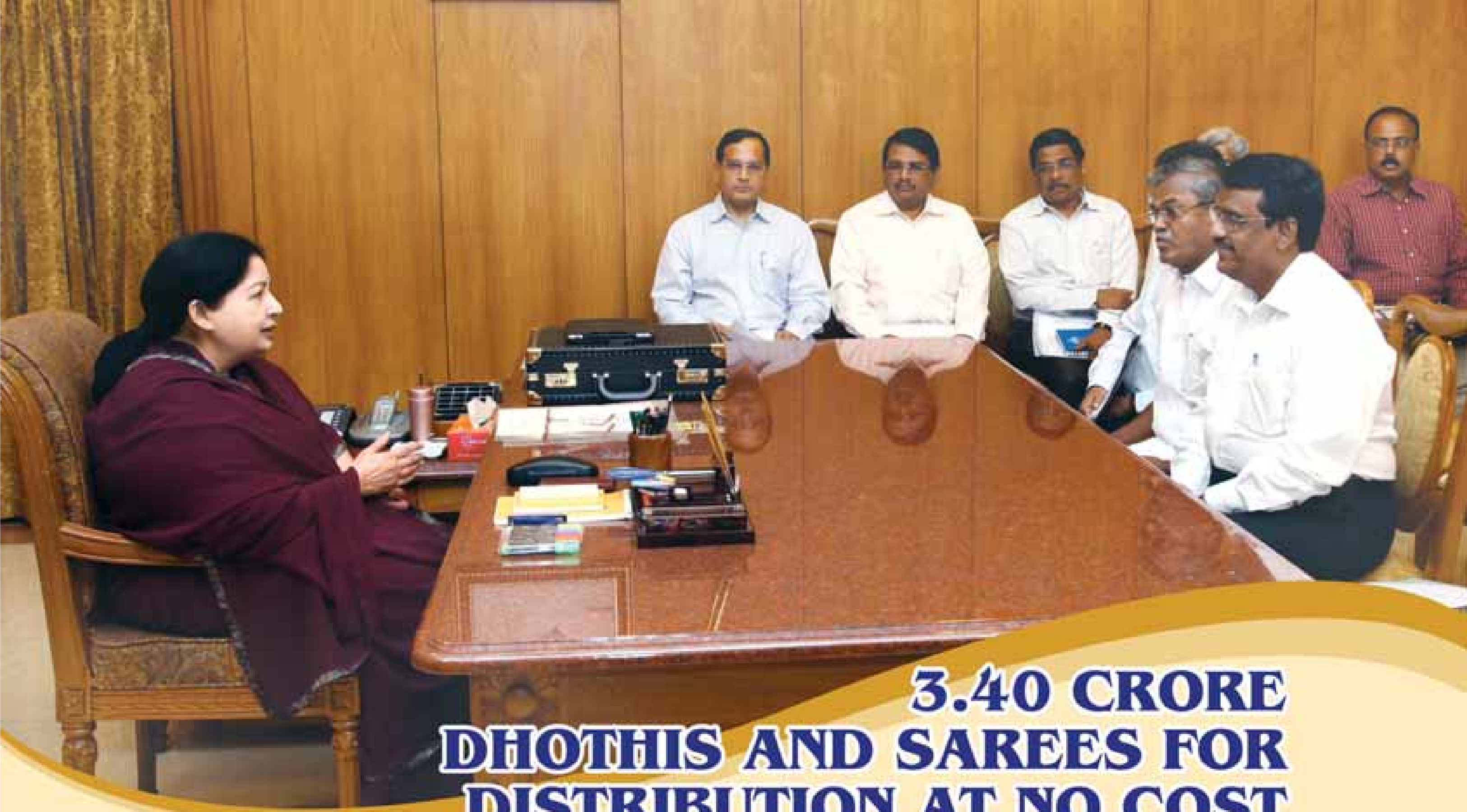

3.40 CRORE DHOTHIS AND SAREES FOR DISTRIBUTION AT NO COST DURING PONGAL FESTIVAL

A meeting was held at the Secretariat on 28.9.2012 under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa to review the current production status of dhothis and sarees intended for distribution at no cost by the Tamil Nadu Government in connection with the Pongal Festival.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered that the dhothis and sarees to be distributed in the current year should be distributed before 15.10.2012. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also ordered that the distribution work of 3.40 crore dhothis and sarees – 1.70 crores dhothis and 1.70 crores sarees to be given at no cost in connection with the 2013 Pongal festival should start from 1.1.2013 and completed before the Pongal festival days. ■

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